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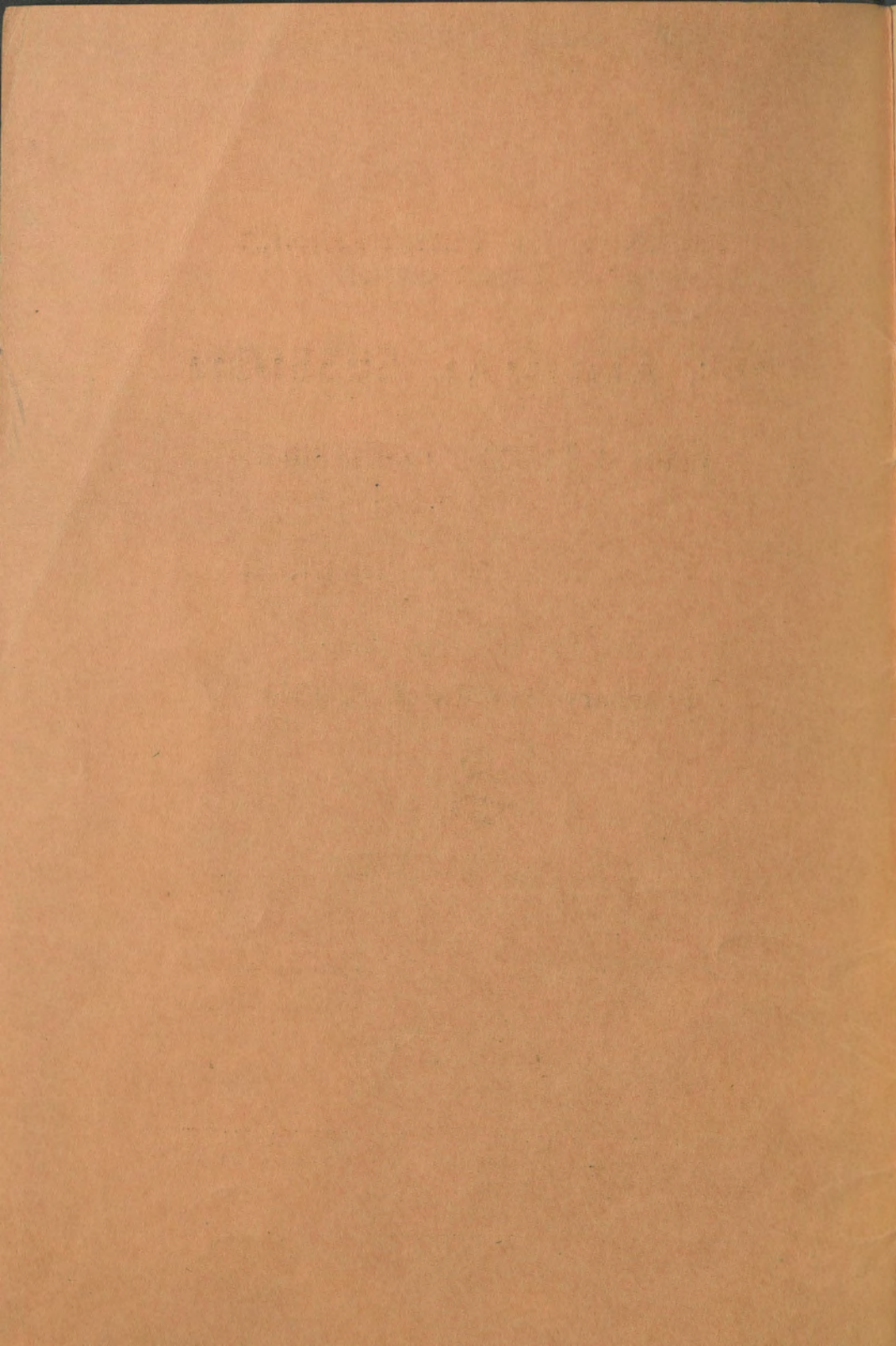
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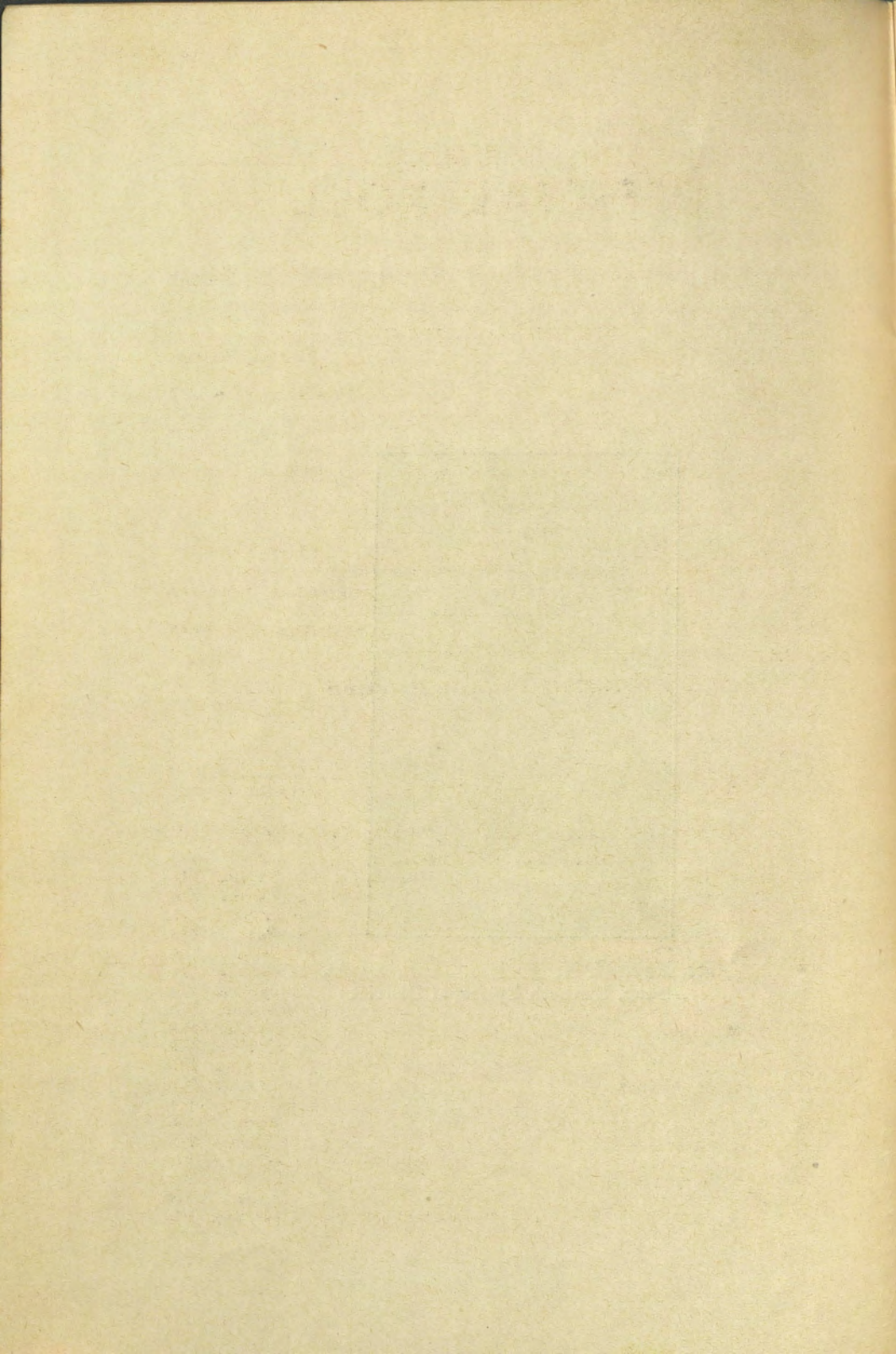




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SPECIAL FEATURES:

ANNUAL SERMON: Rev. J. E. Hall.

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EDUCATIONAL MEETING:

TO CONDUCT ANNUAL CONF. SUNDAY SCHOOL:

TO CONDUCT ANNUAL CONF. A. C. E. LEAGUE:

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LOCAL BOARD CHURCH EXTENSION:

TRIERS OF APPEALS:

CONF. SUPT. OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS:

CONF. PRES. OF A. C. E. LEAGUE:

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN:

MEMOIRS: Rev. S. E. James.

TO PREPARE REPORT ON STATE OF COUNTRY:

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## Disciplinary Questions

1. What preachers are admitted on trial? Bros. Walter Stephens, J. A. Walker, Lloyd Haisley, Chas. Dixon, D. T. Jones and LeRoy Goodwine.
2. Who remain on trial? Brothers Zack Carter Mackey, Douglas Littles, Archer Boatwright and V. D. Stephens.
3. Who are admitted or re-admitted into full connection? None.
4. Who are the Deacons? See Roll.
5. Who have been elected and ordained Deacons and Elders this year? Elder, Lorenzo Bennett.
6. Who have been located this year? None.
7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal office, and to the duties of the A. M. E. Church? Bishops Joseph S. Flipper, Wm. Alfred Fountain, Reverdy C. Ransom, John A. Gregg, S. L. Greene, M. H. Davis, G. W. Young, Noah W. Williams, David H. Sims, H. Y. Tookes, R. R. Wright, E. J. Howard, D. Ward Nichols, Geo. E. Curry, Frank M. Reid and A. J. Allen.
8. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? Revs. A. Martin and T. E. DeBose.
9. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Revs. A. C. W. Dixon, E. S. Nelson, C. H. Smith, Hilliard Starks, T. J. Haynes, R. L. Green, T. R. Roberts and Edward Edwards.
10. Who have been expelled from the connection by this Conference? No one.
11. Who have withdrawn from the connection and conference?—Rev. E. R. Reed.
12. Are all preachers blameless in life and conversation? Yes.
13. What members have died this year? Revs. L. A. Forbes, D. S. Drummon, W. M. Hutchinson, Sisters C. H. Boger, M. F. Jackson and Dr. J. R. Hawkins.
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to some of our connectional papers? Yes.
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the departments or church publications? None.
16. Where shall we hold our next Annual Conference? Mt. Olive A. M. E. Church, Ft. Myers, Fla.
17. When shall we hold our next Conference? At the time appointed by the Bishop.
18. Where are the preachers appointed? See list of appointments.

# HISTORICAL

Place	Bishop	When Held	Secretary
10—Leesburg	M. B. Salter, January 26, 1910,	S. D. Steward.	
11—Ocala	M. B. Salter, January 11, 1911,	S. D. Steward.	
12—St. Petersburg	M. B. Salter, January 24, 1912,	S. D. Steward.	
13—Gainesville	John Hurst, February 12, 1913,	N. W. Bagley.	
14—Dunnellon	John Hurst, February 11, 1914,	N. W. Bagley.	
15—Ocala	John Hurst, February 17, 1915,	N. W. Bagley.	
16—St. Petersburg	John Hurst, February 16, 1916,	N. W. Bagley.	
17—Tampa	John Hurst, March 16, 1917,	S. W. Adair.	
18—Apopka	John Hurst, March 21, 1918,	G. A. Pindar.	
19—Tampa	John Hurst, March 16, 1919,	G. A. Pindar.	
20—Bartow	John Hurst, March 10, 1920,	G. A. Pindar.	
21—Leesburg	John Hurst, March 9, 1921,	E. J. W. Day.	
22—Ft. Myers	John Hurst, March 8, 1922,	A. J. Ferrell.	
23—Manatee	John Hurst, March 7, 1923,	A. J. Ferrell.	
24—Tampa	John Hurst, March 5, 1924,	A. J. Ferrell.	
25—Tampa	John Hurst, March 5, 1925,	A. J. Ferrell.	
26—Bartow	John Hurst, March 10, 1926,	A. J. Ferrell.	
27—St. Petersburg	John Hurst, March 9, 1927,	A. J. Ferrell.	
28—Clearwater	John Hurst, March 7, 1928,	A. A. Williams.	
29—Sarasota	J. S. Flipper, March 6, 1929,	A. A. Williams.	
30—Tampa	J. S. Flipper, December 5, 1929,	A. A. Williams.	
31—Plant City	J. S. Flipper, December 4, 1930,	A. A. Williams.	
32—Tampa	J. S. Flipper, November 25, 1931,	A. A. Williams.	
33—Bartow	J. S. Flipper, January 12, 1933,	R. W. Logan.	
34—St. Petersburg	J. S. Flipper, January 18-21, 1934,	R. W. Logan.	
35—Fort Myers	J. S. Flipper, January 17-20, 1935,	Jas. Murray.	
36—St. Petersburg	J. S. Flipper, January 16-19, 1936,	Jas. Murray.	
37—Tampa	R. A. Grant, Mar. 10-14, 1937,	H. McNeal Harris.	
38—Arcadia	R. A. Grant, Mar. 9-13, 1938,	H. McNeal Harris.	
39—St. Petersburg	H. Y. Tookes, Mar. 8-12, 1939,	H. McNeal Harris.	
40—Tampa	H. Y. Tookes, Feb. 28-Mar. 3, 1940,	H. M. Harris.	



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Bradley, J. C.  
Bradley, J. C.  
Collins, Geo. N.  
Cook, J. C.  
Cooper, A. B.  
Dennis, H. C.  
Dawkins, B. W. E.  
Davis, T. D.  
Douglas, W. M.  
DeNard, N.  
Epperson, J. B.  
Edwards, J. D.  
Foster, W. F.  
Franks, D. R.  
Griffin, L. H.  
Henderson, Matt.  
Harrison, A. L.  
Hill, H. R.  
Hall, F. D.  
Heath, J. J.  
Hall, J. E.  
Harris, H. McNeal

Harrison, T. W.  
Horton, W. H.  
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Jones, R. L.  
Jacobs, James  
Jones, W. C.  
Kelley, E. T.  
Knight, D. L. W.  
Long, Lutrell  
Nimmons, R. D.  
Newton, H. L.  
O'Neal, S. L.  
Oliver, Ed.  
Richardson, A. J.  
Robinson, W. M.  
Sasser, S. C.  
Smith, A. W.  
Stephens, J. Q.  
Sapp, H. L.  
Sanders, C. E.  
Scott, Ernest  
Williams, R. W.  
White, T. M.  
Washington, J. D.  
Wallace, J. L.  
Woodard, Solomon L.

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Hutchinson, W. M.  
Lainer, Wm.

Long, Lutrell  
Neal, M. F.  
Turner, W. E.

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Boatwright, Archer  
Barnes, Geo. W.  
Dawkins, Edward  
Gantt, Bruster  
Jackson, G. E.  
Morris, J. P.  
Mackey, Zack Carter

Owens, J. J.  
Stephens, V. D.  
Williams, Laurens  
Williams, Clarence  
Martin, A.  
McCray, Nathaniel

**SUPERANNUATES**

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Edwards, Edward  
Haynes, T. J.

Nelson, E. S.  
Smith, Anderson  
Starkes, Hillard  
Smith, C. H.

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Haines, Mary E.  
Johnson, Peter

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Allen, Hattie

**St. Pete Dist. Lay Delegates**

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Quarterman, A. R.  
Sanders, E. J. M.  
Wade, Ego  
Williams, R. R.



# PROCEEDINGS

Tampa, Fla., February 28, 1940.

## FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Fortieth Session of the Central Florida Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church assembled in St. Paul A. M. E. church, Harrison and Morgan streets, Tampa, Fla., Wednesday morning, 9:30 o'clock, with the Rt. Rev. Henry Young Tookes, D.D., LL.D., bishop of the 11th Episcopal district, presiding.

The following religious program was rendered:

Bishop Tookes presented Dr. M. D. Potter, presiding elder of the St. Petersburg district, leader of the conference to have charge of the religious services, he lined hymn No. 2, "Early My God", sung by the choir and conference; prayer, Rev. G. J. Oates, presiding elder of the Manatee district.

Chant by the choir, selection the choir, "Precious Lord"; scripture lesson II Cor. 9:1-14, read by Dr. E. J. Jackson, presiding elder of the Ft. Myers district; singing, hymn No. 10; decalogue, Dr. C. S. Long, presiding elder of the Tampa district; Dr. M. D. Potter lined hymn No. 14, "Jesus We Look To Thee", sung by the choir and conference. Dr. Potter presented Rev. J. E. Hall, pastor of Boca Grande to preach the annual sermon, he selected for a text 2nd Tim. 3:17, "That the Man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works". Rev. S. W. Richardson led in a spiritual; Rev. A. W. Smith led in singing, "If it wasn't for the Lord". Bishop Tookes requested Bishop John Andrew Gregg, presiding bishop of the 4th and part of the 12th Episcopal districts and General Officers to lead in the consecration and administration of the Holy communion.

General Officers, viz: Drs. Geo. Singleton, editor, Christian Recorder; John H. Clayborn, editor of Southern Christian Recorder, and E. A. Adams, secretary education, and in referring to the sermon commended the speaker, and in telling manner aroused the congregation to the need of the Holy Ghost upon all classes to keep alive the church.

Bishop Gregg led in singing, "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood", the congregation standing, and proceeded with the consecration and administration of the Holy communion.

Singing, hymn No. 313, C. M., "That Doleful Night Before His Death". At the conclusion of the Holy communion, Bishop Gregg requested the congregation to stand and shake hands with the person next to you, the choir continued singing, "O When I Come To The End Of My Journey". Rev. J. L. Wallace led in singing, "Somebody Touched Me".

Organization: Revs. H. McNeal Harris, R. D. Nimmons, E. T. Kelley, chief recording and statistical secretaries, respectively; marshals, Revs. M. F. Neal, chief, J. C. Bradley and V. D. Stephens, assistants; reporters, Dr. M. D. Potter made the motion that Dr. L. F. Morse be the reporter for both church and secular press. Carried.

Time of meeting 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon, reconvene 3 p. m., adjourn at will.



Bounds of the conference, seven seats including the amen corners.

The finance committee, Drs. C. S. Long, chairman; M. D. Potter, treasurer; E. J. Jackson, secretary, G. J. Oates, Jas. Murray and J. J. Heath.

Bishop Tookes spoke of the work at E. W. college and of what had happened at the other conferences and that the college department had almost doubled, that the committee is being sent the last of next month for last checking for accreditation of the college department. And that during the visit of the Florida conference at Tallahassee to the State College, they found nearly 50 percent of the college students were African Methodists and that as soon as E. W. college is accredited they will be there. The girls' dormitory to be built would cost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and that it would be one of the best in the connection.

And that the trustee board had voted to amend the charter to take in trustees who are not members of the A. M. E. church, like Wilberfore and Morris Brown colleges, it is the plan that the college be made a regular 4-year college and proceeded to take an offering, Dr. E. J. Jackson led with \$25.00, Bishops Tookes and Gregg \$25.00 each.

Revs. M. D. Potter, C. S. Long, E. J. Jackson, G. J. Oates, presiding elders, \$25.00 each; J. J. Heath, \$35.00; Jas. Murray, \$30.00; H. McNeal Harris, \$30.00; C. H. Boger, \$25.00; J. B. Epperson, \$25.00; W. F. Foster, \$31.00; J. R. Richardson, \$25.00; J. J. Brooks, \$10.00; W. H. Horton, \$15.00; J. L. Wallace, \$15.00; T. M. White, H. L. Newton, H. C. Dennis, A. L. Harrison, J. P. Morris, S. C. Sasser, S. W. Richardson, M. F. Neal, L. H. Griffin, W. M. Robinson, S. E. James, J. E. Hall, S. W. Richardson, Rev. Branch, \$5.00 each; S. D. Brown, \$6.00; R. L. Jones, \$3.00; D. Franks, \$1.50; J. Q. Stevens, \$1.50; J. C. Bannerman, \$1.00; W. M. Douglas, \$1.00; Brewster Gantt, \$1.00; E. T. Kelley, \$3.00; W. E. Turner, \$1.00; Matt. Henderson, \$1.00; H. L. Sapp, \$3.00; J. C. Bradley, \$3.00; V. D. Stephens, \$1.00; J. D. Edwards, \$1.50; A. L. Harrison, \$3.00; J. C. Cook, \$1.00; F. A. Allen, \$1.00; Ed. Oliver, W. M. Williams, \$2.00; C. D. Baker, \$1.00; A. Shackelford, \$1.50; Geo. N. Collins, \$1.00; N. B. Boyd, \$1.00; L. F. Morse, \$1.00; R. W. Whitehurst, \$1.00; W. G. Alexander, \$1.00; Geo. Singleton, \$1.00; T. J. Miles, \$5.00; Mr. E. C. Deas, \$1.00; Rev. E. W. D. Dawkins, \$1.00; Drs. John H. Clayborn, \$26.00; J. S. Johnson, \$11.00; John Booker, \$1.00; R. B. Sutton, \$1.00; L. F. Morse, \$1.00; C. S. Gibbs, \$1.00; Mrs. R. R. Wright, \$1.00; Mrs. Rosetta Harris, \$1.00; Little Vieunder McDowell, \$1.00, and other contributions. Total \$602.00. Same was turned over to the business manager, Dr. J. S. Johnson. Bishop Tookes introduced the following visitors: Rt. Rev. John A. Gregg, presiding bishop of the 4th and part of the 12th Episcopal districts; Drs. Geo. A. Singleton, John H. Clayborn, E. A. Adams, D. H. Stanton, H. Milton Mickens; Mesdames L. M. Hughes, R. R. Wright, L. G. White, A. E. Heath, S. A. Ferrell, R. R. Williams, M. P. Tookes, wife of our bishop; Drs. J. E. Beard, T. J. Miles and Mr. Wright, A.M., son of Bishop R. R. Wright; Drs. W. G. Alexander, A. C. Wells and R. R. Williams and Mesdames J. B. Epperson, R. W. Williams, W. W. Hamilton, T. W. White, D. R. Franks, S. C. Sasser, A. L. Harrison, S. D. Brown, W. M. Douglas, Rosetta Harris, J. C. Cook, S. D. James,



C. L. Smith, Matt. Henderson and Drs. R. B. Sutton and S. J. Johnson.

Bishop Tookes led conference in a pep announcement of the candidates' names. Bishop Tookes made a presentation of the Christian Recorders to the men of the conference and introduced Dr. S. G. Baker, pastor of Mt. Olive A. M. E. church, Jacksonville, Fla. Bishop Tookes requested that we return 4 p. m. and proceed with the pastoral reports. Apostle creed. Benediction, Rev. J. E. Hall.

#### FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

Promptly 4 p. m., Bishop Tookes requested the marshals to invite the ministers to come in, and called the conference to order. Bishop Tookes had the secretary read list of committees and corrections made.

The bishop announced the following transfers to this conference: Revs. W. F. Foster, R. W. Williams, J. B. Epperson, S. L. O'Neal, from the East Florida Conference, and Rev. W. M. Williams, from N. E. Conference and J. C. Bannerman, from So. Fla. Conference; Geo. N. Collins, from South, and proceeded with the reports. Districts reported in the following order: St. Petersburg, Dr. M. D. Potter, presiding elder; Tampa district, Dr. C. S. Long, presiding elder; Ft. Myers district, Dr. E. J. Jackson, presiding elder; Manatee district, Dr. G. J. Oates, presiding elder. The bishop stated to Dr. T. E. Debose, that he had permitted the work at Tarpon Springs church and Plant City to go down and unless his report was made in the morning as promised, we will not be permitted to go further.

And announced that Bishop Gregg would preside tonight, and after the sermon Dr. T. J. Miles, J. S. Brookins, pastor, Cherry St. A. M. E. church, Dothan, Ala and Dr. Davis of Ga., would speak, he also thanked Dr. Geo. A. Singleton for presiding for him Tuesday night. He appointed all the presiding elders, pastors and missionary workers and teachers in the conference Sunday school for Sunday morning, 9:30 o'clock.

He urged that we be present Thursday morning 8 o'clock to the theological period, he referred to Rt. Rev. R. R. Wright, the only recognized Ph.D. on the bench of bishops, praised the work being done by him and introduced Mr. C. Blythe Andrews, secretary-treasurer, Central Life Ins. Co. and asked that we purchase books from Prof. E. C. Deas.

Singing, "Together Let Us Sweetly Live". Apostle creed. Doxology. Benediction, Rev. J. M. Wise.

#### FIRST DAY—Evening Session

Bishop John Andrew Gregg, A.M., D.D., presiding bishop of the 4th and part of the 12th Episcopal districts, presiding. Dr. M. D. Potter lined hymn No. 326, C.M., "Talk With Us Lord", sung by the choir and congregation. Rev. R. B. Williams offered prayer. Chant by the choir, anthem by the choir. Rev. E. J. Jackson, presiding elder of the Ft. Myers district, read the scripture lesson, 1st Cor. 1:1-15, singing hymn No. 10, "From All That Dwells Below The Skies". Bishop Gregg led with the decalogue. Missionary offering, \$2.37. The choir led in singing hymn No. 300, "How Great The Wisdom, Power and Grace". Bishop Gregg stated that always in an annual conference the first night we have a sermon and other speakers and presented Rev. W. C. Jones, pastor of Mt. Olive A.



M. E. church, Tampa, to preach the sermon. He selected for a text 1st Cor. 1:23-24, But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block and unto the Greeks foolishness, but unto them which are called both. Subject, "The 3 Attitudes Toward The Cross". Dr. Jackson led in singing, "Great Day The Righteous Marching". Rev. C. H. Boger offered prayer, the choir sang, "I Can't Stay Away". The finance committee took an offering amount \$14.25. Dr. Potter presented Mrs. R. R. Wright, wife of Bishop R. R. Wright of South Africa, the first speaker. She delivered a most inspiring address. Dr. Potter presented Mrs. L. G. White, wife of the president of Wilberforce Institute, So. Africa, she also delivered a very interesting address.

Doxology. Benediction, Rev. W. C. Jones.

### SECOND DAY—Morning Session

Bishop H. Y. Tookes presiding. Mr. C. D. Baker led in singing. Bishop called the conference to order and for the minutes of the first day's session, they were read and approved with some corrections. The bishop referred to the presiding elders, for the lack of reception given the bishop and party upon their arrival here and the leaders of the conference being late. And of the things to be done to develop a strong and efficient conference. Ministers teaching school must choose between the one to be followed.

Rev. J. J. Heath returned \$1.00 to Bishop Tookes for the fruit he had purchased and reported \$20.00 additional Dollar Money, making total increase from Bethel, St. Petersburg \$35.00 and \$10.00 to the missionary fund, making total \$50.00. Singing, "Somebody Touched Me", led by Mr. C. D. Baker.

Dr. C. S. Long made an observation as to his being late. Drs. J. S. Johnson, John H. Clayborn and Frank M. Reed were applauded as they came in, all candidates for the bishopric.

Bishop Tookes gave further helpful admonition to the conference. Remarks, Dr. J. M. Wise. Bishop Tookes spoke of the worth of Dr. Wise and that he had made his will to E. W. college, when he passes. Remarks, Bishop Gregg. Singing, "O What He's Done For Me". Bishop Tookes referred to the number and type of bishops to be elected at the General Conference in May.

Dr. Geo. A. Singleton made observation regarding the fine stand taken by the bishop, regarding the election of bishops, that no man be elected who attempts to buy the bishopric. Singing, "I'll Be Waiting Up There".

Rev. W. H. Horton made a personal presentation of \$5.00 to the bishop for refreshments at the General Conference, the bishop thanked him and said that he had also given him a diamond ring.

Bishop Tookes announced the coming of Bishops J. S. Flipper and R. R. Wright Friday. The Tampa district made additional report. Rev. T. E. Debsoe \$52.00, Dollar Money, Plant City. Bishop Tookes instructed the presiding elders regarding the conference funds and requested them with the conference accountant to meet him at Dr. M. D. Potter's.

Bishop Tookes requested Bishop Gregg to preside. Dr. M. D. Potter spoke of a white visitor who is very favorable to our church at Tarpon Springs, he was introduced and spoke regarding pamphlet he had published. A number of them were sold, amount \$6.00. Singing, "I'll Go", led by Mr. C. D. Baker of Dallas, Texas.



The bishop presented Dr. J. S. Brookins of Ala., candidate for editorship A. M. E. Review. He addressed the conference. Bishop Gregg introduced Dr. Frank M. Reed, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church, St. Louis, Mo., candidate for the bishopric. He addressed the conference. Bishop Gregg expressed his pleasure in presiding over a Florida conference and turned the meeting back to Bishop Tookes, he in turn presented a vase of flowers to Dr. Reed. The bishop introduced the following visitors: Revs. S. G. Green, Z. K. Rose, W. M. Scott, national president Primitive Baptist church; S. J. Johnson, presiding elder, Orlando district; Rev. Mr. Allen, L. D. Bennett, Rev. Mr. Link, W. P. Holmes, J. H. Brown, Geo. N. Collins.

The bishop announced the missionary meeting 3 o'clock. Apostolic creed. Singing, "Bless Be The Tie That Binds". Benediction, Dr. Davis of Georgia.

### SECOND DAY—Evening Session

Bishop John A. Gregg presiding. He invited the missionary officers and the connectional president, Mrs. L. M. Hughes to the platform as this would be a real missionary service.

Scripture sentences. Bishop Gregg lined hymn No. 437 3-7s, "Hark The Voice Of Jesus Crying", sung by the choir and congregation. Dr. W. G. Alexander offered prayer. Selection by choir. Bishop Gregg read scripture lesson, Ps. 2, singing hymn No. 10, "From All That Dwells Below The Skies". The decalogue. Missionary offering \$2.14. Selection by choir. Bishop Gregg told of the missionary organization of the A. M. E. church and presented Mrs. L. M. Hughes, connectional president, the principle speaker who addressed the conference, she closed with prayer. Mrs. Rosetta Harris led in singing hymn No. 436, "Over The Ocean Waves".

At the call of Bishop Gregg 18 persons came forward and stood together with one dollar in their hands, the bishop prayed, asking God's blessings upon them as they were placed in Mrs. Hughes' hands. Total amount contributed \$38.55. Dr. A. C. Wells asks God's blessings upon the offering for mission. Dr. J. S. Johnson announced the 8 a. m. theological period and urged the ministers and missionary workers to be present. Solo, Mr. C. D. Baker. Picture was shown by Mrs. L. M. Hughes, assisted by Prof. R. R. Wright, 3rd. Benediction, Bishop John A. Gregg.

### THIRD DAY—Morning Session

Bishop H. Y. Tookes presiding. The bishop called the conference to order and for the minutes which were read and approved with necessary corrections. The committee on admission reported through Dr. A. B. Cooper. By motion adopted. The committee on First Year reported by Rev. C. H. Boger. By motion adopted.

The bishop received intelligence of the death of Mr. D. A. Dorsey of Miami. He requested Dr. C. S. Long to send telegrams of sympathy to Mrs. Dorsey representing the conference, the Bishop and Mrs. Tookes.

The committee on Second Year reported through Rev. J. R. Richardson, by motion adopted. Committee on Third Year by Rev. F. D. Hall, by motion adopted. Committee on Fourth Year, reported through Dr. E. J. Jackson. Bishop Tookes questioned the committee and members of the class, regarding the examination and books, upon his findings, they were sent back for another year.



Rev. Jas. Murray read the report on State of the Church, it was spoken to by Dr. H. Milton Mickens and adopted. Bishop Tookes introduced Drs. W. D. Davis of Ark., A Lafett Washington of Bartow, Fla., of the Missionary Baptist church. Both of them addressed the conference, Dr. Davis during his address gave ten dollars to E. W. college, twenty-five dollars to Dr. J. S. Johnson's campaign and five dollars to Dean W. G. Alexander and pledged \$500.00 to the building fund of E. W. college, conditioned upon the return of Bishop Tookes to Florida.

Bishop Tookes presented Dr. T. J. Davis of Ga., he addressed the conference, singing, "I'll Go".

The bishop referred to the presence of Dr. W. T. Johnson, son of the late Bishop W. D. Johnson and of the mistake he had made regarding him, and presented him to speak.

Dr. Johnson acknowledged his mistake and said he would never again raise his hand against the Episcopacy. Remarks by Dr. M. D. Potter.

Dr. T. J. Miles was presented and addressed the conference. Dr. J. E. Beard was presented and addressed the conference. Bishop Tookes thanked all the speakers for their addresses and interest in our work, he announced the illness of Dr. D. H. Stanton and that he was presenting a pulpit Bible to St. Paul church, testaments to be used in the conference seminary work.

Bishop Tookes made reference to Dr. E. A. Adams, Secretary of Education, having sent to E. W. college on time \$1000, and Dr. Adams stated that he took over the department with a deficit of \$2000, but that every school in the connection would received more, during his administration.

The bishop requested Mr. C. Blythe Andrews to come back, to address the conference. Remarks by Mrs. L. M. Hughes.

Bishop Tookes asked all the ministers of the conference who are with his administration to stand and requested that the men be present to the missionary meeting in the afternoon session, and stated that Bishop Gregg would preside tonight. He also requested all the Masons on, and off, the square and those not Masons to meet here Saturday night, together with members of the Eastern Stars and Heroine of Jericho.

Apostle creed. Singing, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again". Benediction, Dr. T. J. Miles.

### THIRD DAY—Evening Session

Bishop John Andrew Gregg presiding. He led with the scripture sentences and lined hymn No. 605, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", sung by the choir and congregation. Dr. E. J. Jackson offered prayer. Chant by the choir. Selection by the choir, "Jesus Lover of My Soul". Scripture lesson read by Dr. L. F. Morse, Prov. 4:1-18. Hymn No. 10, the decalogue, led by Dr. C. S. Long.

Missionary offering, \$2.66. Rev. G. J. Oates offered the prayer of thankfulness. Second hymn No. 300, lined by Dr. A. C. Wells.

Bishop Gregg stated that tonight was set aside for an educational program, to bring the needs of education to the people and presented Dr. A. B. Cooper to read the report on education. The adoption of the report was held in abeyance for tomorrow's minutes. Solo, Mr. C. D. Baker.



Bishop Gregg presented Dr. E. A. Adams, commissioner of education, as the first speaker. A group of songs by the singers of E. W. college, led by Mrs. Alice Wise Clayton. Bishop Gregg presented Dr. C. S. Long, president of E. W. college, who addressed the congregation. Another group of songs by the college singers.

Bishop Gregg referred to the first class of graduates during his presidency of E. W. college and that one of them was Henry Young Tookes, the present Episcopate of the 11th Episcopal district, and presented him. Bishop Tookes expressed his pleasure in having Bishops Gregg and Wright present and thanked the pastor, choir, presiding elders, ministers and the people for cooperation given.

He showed the architect's drawing of the girl's dormitory and dining hall to be built at E. W. college. He then presented Bishops Gregg and Wright to take the offering. Bishop R. R. Wright led with \$25, Bishop Gregg and Bishop Tookes \$25.00 each, Dr. W. D. Davis of Ark., \$10.00; Dr. E. A. Adams, \$5.00; Dr. Geo. Singleton, \$1.00; Prof. E. C. Dease, \$5.00; Mrs. L. M. Hughes, \$1.00; Dr. J. S. Johnson, \$1.00; Prof. R. R. Wright, 3rd, \$200; Dr. John H. Clayborn, \$1.00; Dr. S. J. Johnson, \$1.00; Mrs. S. J. Johnson, \$1.00; Dr. R. W. Whitehurst, \$1.00. Total public offering, \$115.88

Tampa district	101.00
St. Petersburg district	142.00
Manatee district	100.25
Ft. Myers district	101.25
Total	\$560.38

Added to other educational funds reported to the conference, grand total \$1,649.30; increase \$188.80.

Bishop Tookes took an offering \$9.95 for blind man and requested all Masons on and off the square to meet him at Allen Temple Saturday night. Apostle creed. Doxology. Benediction, Dean W. G. Alexander.

#### FOURTH DAY—Morning Session

Bishop H. Y. Tookes presiding. The bishop delivered a most helpful talk to the conference. Dr. E. J. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. G. J. Oates that a rising vote of thanks be given our bishop for his impartiality in presiding over the conference.

Bishop Tookes took an offering \$30.26 for the faculty members of the B. F. Lee Theological Seminary. This was in addition to the amount given them by the conference finance committee. Dean Alexander expressed thanks on behalf of the faculty.

Bishop Tookes led in singing, "I'll Go Where You Want Me Go Dear Lord". Singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord". Rev. G. J. Oates led in singing, "I Know I am Converted". Bishop John A. Gregg sang, "I'm A Child Of The King". Bishop Tookes announced that Bishop R. R. Wright would preach at Allen Temple A. M. E. church, Rev. W. F. Foster pastor, Sunday 11 a. m. Bishop Tookes proceeded to take pledges for bricks to build the girls' dormitory at E. W. college. Dr. L. F. Morse making list of same.

Bishop R. R. Wright, Ph.D., pledged to lay the first \$100.00 on the table when the building is dedicated and if the bishop of the 11th



Episcopal district will sit for a life size bust to be painted and placed in the front window.

The following members of the conference were reported having died by the committee on memoirs: Revs. L. A. Forbes, D. S. Drummon, W. M. Hutchinson, Mesdames C. H. Boger and M. F. Jackson, and Dr. John R. Hawkins, secretary-treasurer, financial department. The report on State of the Church, read by Dr. A. B. Cooper.

A motion prevailed that the report on education read Friday night be adopted. Bishop R. R. Wright presiding.

Report committee on 4th Year by Dr. E. J. Jackson, adopted. The report on Deeds by Rev. F. D. Hall, adopted. The Disciplinary Questions, the bishop and secretary.

Bishop H. Y. Tookes presiding. The character of the four presiding elders and the ministers of the conference. In answer to the question, "Where shall our next annual conference be held?" Rev. H. McNeal Harris invited the next session to be held at Mt. Olive A. M. E. church, Ft. Myers, Fla.; by motion Ft. Myers was made the seat of the next annual conference.

Bishop Tookes presented Mr. Axline (white) representing the Church Members' Relief Insurance, who made helpful remarks.

Bishop Tookes urged the ministers to purchase a home, etc. The Rev. Mr. Davis, D.D., pastor of Beulah Baptist church, was presented and addressed the conference. Bishop Tookes announced that Dr. J. H. Clayborn would preach at 11 a. m., at Beulah Baptist church. Prof. E. C. Dease was presented and addressed the conference. Dr. D. H. Stanton, tho sick, sent \$25.00 for E. W. college.

Singing, "I Am Praying For You", dedicated to Dr. S. H. Savage, pastor of Payne Chapel A. M. E. church, W. Palm Beach, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. S. D. Houston read the report of W. H. and F. Missionary Society and the missionary preachers were paid. Remarks by Bishop Tookes.

Apostle creed. Doxology. Benediction, Bishop R. R. Wright, Ph.D.

#### FIFTH DAY—Morning Session

Bishop H. Y. Tookes presiding. Rev. E. J. Jackson, presiding elder, conference superintendent, opened the Sunday school 9:30 a. m., assisted by Mr. Wade Perrin, local supt. Opening hymn, "I Am Thine O Lord"; prayer, Mr. Wade Perrin. Selection, "Onward Christian Soldiers"; scripture lesson, Matt. 26:1-30, subject, "In the Upper Room"

The scripture text led by Dr. Geo. N. Collins, study of the lesson. Singing, "Standing On The Promises of God". Brief review by Dr. E. J. Jackson. Reports by conference Sunday school teachers, amount \$286.19.

#### Morning Service—Bishop John A. Gregg, Presiding

Dr. M. D. Potter led with the scripture sentences and lined hymn No. 4, "Before Thy Mercy Seat", sung by the choir and congregation. Prayer offered by Rev. G. J. Oates; selection by choir. Scripture lesson, St. Luke 11th chapter, read by Dr. Geo. Singleton. Dr. W. G. Alexander lined hymn No. 605, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."



Dr. M. D. Potter presented Bishop John A. Gregg who delivered a masterly ordination sermon. The committee on 4th Year, presented Rev. Lorenzo Bennett to be ordained an elder. Bishops Tookes, Gregg and Wright proceeded with the ordination service. Public offering \$51.68. Resolutions read by Rev. D. Franks, by motion adopted.

The number of minutes to be published eight hundred. At the request of Dr. T. E. Debose, a motion prevailed that he be superannuated.

Bishop Tookes again expressed his thanks to the pastor, Dr. Jas. Murray, members and friends, also Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Potter for the fine entertainment given.

Scripture, Joshua 1st chapter, read by Dr. J. H. Clayborn. Bishop John A. Gregg led in singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go".

Bishop Tookes announced that Bishop John A. Gregg would read the appointments, but that he was responsible for wherever the ministers were sent. Bishop Gregg read the appointments, singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". Benediction Bishop H. Y. Tookes. Adjournment sine die. Rt. Rev. H. Y. Tookes, presiding bishop; H. McNeal Harris, secretary.

# REPORTS

## E. W. C. IMPROVEMENT FUND

### Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.

St. Paul, Rev. James Murray, \$1.00; Plant City, Rev. T. E. Debose; St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Rev. J. J. Brooks, \$1.00 Moore's Chapel, Rev. T. M. White, \$1.00; St. Luke, Rev. A. L. Harrison, \$1.00; Port Tampa, Rev. J. D. Edwards, \$1.00; Montana City, Rev. S. E. James, \$1.00; Pleasant Chapel, Rev. C. C. Brooks, \$1.00; Bethel, Rev. A. W. Smith, \$1.00; Sulphur Springs, Rev. D. W. L. Knight, \$1.00; Rev. M. Henderson.

### St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.

Bethel, Rev. J. J. Heath, \$1.00; Mt. Olive, Rev. J. R. Richardson, \$1; Mt. Zion, Rev. C. H. Boger, \$1; Mt. Olive, Rev. W. C. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. A. B. Cooper, \$1.00; Dade City, Rev. R. H. Dames, \$1.00; Brooksville, Rev. A. L. Wallace, \$1.00; Dunedin, Rev. S. D. Brown, \$1.00; Rev. R. D. Nimmons, \$1.00; Floral City, Rev. M. F. Neal, \$1.00; Rev. J. B. Oliver; Rev. A. J. Richardson, \$1.00; Rev. E. T. Kelly, \$1.00; Crooms, \$1.00.

### Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.

Ft. Myers, Rev. H. M. Harris, \$1.00; Bartow, Rev. J. B. Epper-son, \$1.00; Arcadia, Rev. S. C. Sasser, \$1.00; Punta Gorda, Rev. R. L. Jones, \$1.00; Ft. Meade, Rev. H. L. Sapp, \$1.00; Mulberry, Rev. H. R. Hill, \$1.00; Bocagrande, Rev. J. E. Hall, \$1.00; Brewster, Rev. W. M. Douglas, \$1.00; Slater, Rev. D. R. Franks, \$1.00; Wauchula, Rev. L. R. Griffin, \$1.00; Trapnell, Rev. S. W. Richardson; Mt. Zion, Rev. Ira Fayson; Immockalee; Brewster Gant.

### Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.

Allen Temple, Rev. W. F. Foster, \$1.00; Sarasota, Rev. F. D. Hall, \$1.00; Bradenton, Rev. J. D. Washington, \$1.00; Manatee, \$1.00; Palmetto, Rev. H. L. Newton, \$1.00; Rev. Dennard, \$1.00; Sarasota, Rev. Brown, \$1.00; Rubonia, \$1.00; Ellenton; Parish, Rev. D. E. W. Dawkins; Wimauma, Rev. J. C. Cook; Rev. C. E. Saunders.

Committee,

S. C. SASSER

A. W. SMITH.

## THEOLOGICAL FUND

### Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.

St. Paul, Rev. Jas. Murray, \$1.00; St. Petersburg, Rev. J. J. Brooks, \$1.00; Moore's Chapel, Rev. White, \$1.00; St. Luke, Rev. A. L. Harrison, \$1.00; Port Tampa, Rev. J. D. Edwards, \$1.00; Montana City, Rev. S. A. James, \$1.00; Plant City, Rev. C. C. Brooks, \$1.00; Bethel, Rev. A. W. Smith, \$1.00; Rev. D. L. W. Knight, \$1.00; N. Tampa, Rev. J. Q. Stephen, \$1.00. Total \$10.00.

### St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.

Bethel, St. Petersburg, \$4.00; Rev. J. R. Richardson, \$2.00; Rev. C. H. Boger, \$2.00; Rev. W. C. Jones, \$2.00; Rev. A. B. Cooper, \$1.00; Rev. R. H. Dames, \$1.00; Rev. A. L. Wallace, \$1.00; Rev. S. D. Brown, \$1.00; Rev. R. D. Nimmons, \$1.00; Rev. M. F. Neal, \$1.00; Rev. J. B. Roberts, \$1.00; Rev. A. J. Richardson; Rev. E. T. Kelly, \$1.00; Crooms, \$1.00. Total \$18.00.



**Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.**

Ft. Myers, Rev. J. M. Harris, \$2.00; Bartow, Rev. J. B. Epperson, \$1.00; Arcadia, Rev. S. C. Sasser, \$1.00; Punta Gorda, Rev. R. L. Jones, \$1.00; Ft. Meade, Rev. H. L. Sapp, \$1.00; Mulberry, Rev. H. R. Rill, \$1.00; Bocagrande, Rev. J. E. Hall, \$1.00; Brewster, Rev. W. M. Douglass, \$1.00; Slater, Rev. D. R. Franks, \$1.00; Wachula, Rev. L. A. Griffin, \$1.00; Mt. Zion, Rev. Ira Fayson, \$1.00; Immokalee, Rev. Morris, \$1.00; Vila Park, Rev. Gant; Rev. L. R. Goodwine. Total \$13.00.

**Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.**

Allen Temple, Rev. Foster, \$4.00; Payne Chapel, Rev. F. D. Hall, \$5.00; Bradenton, Rev. J. D. Washington, \$1.00; Manatee, Rev. W. M. Horton, \$1.00; Rev. H. L. Newton, \$3.00; Palmetto, Rev. N. Dennard, \$1.00; Hurst Chapel, Rev. Bradley, \$1.00; Rubonia, Rev. W. M. Robinson, \$1.00; Rev. W. E. Tanner; Rev. B. E. W. Dawkins; Wimauma, Rev. J. C. Cook, \$1.00; Rev. C. Sanders, \$1.00; Rev. W. S. Stephen. Total \$19.00.

Committee,

H. R. HILL

W. M. DOUGLASS.

**MAY DAY****St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.**

Bethel, St. Petersburg, \$175.00; Clearwater, \$100.00; Mt. Zion, \$80.00; Mt. Olive, \$50.00; Tarpon Springs, \$40.00; Dade City, \$40.00; Brooksville, \$35.00; Dunedin, \$30.00; Inverness, \$20.00; Floral City, \$14.00; Safety Harbor, \$4.50; San Antonio; Cosmee; Bellair-Largo, \$8.00; Crooms, \$4.00. Total \$600.50.

**Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.**

St. Paul, \$111.00; Allen Temple, Plant City; Mt. Zion, \$70.00; Moore's Chapel, St. Petersburg, \$36.00; St. Luke, \$35.00; Port Tampa, \$28.00; Montana City, \$25.00; Pleasant Chapel, \$43.00; Mt. Olive, Plant City; Bethel, W. Tampa, \$50.00; Sulphur Springs, \$6.00; Seffner, Zion Hill; North Tampa, \$19.00. Total \$425.00.

**Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.**

Ft. Myers, \$150.00; St. James, Bartow, \$125.00; Arcadia, \$40.00; Punta Gorda, \$13.00; Ft. Meade, \$25.00; Mulberry, \$17.00; Bocagrande, \$40.00; Brewster, \$25.00; Slater, \$25.00; Wauchula, \$9.40; Trapnell; Mt. Zion, Bartow, \$10.00; Immockalee; Villa Park; Dunedin; Limestone. Total \$479.40.

**Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.**

Allen Temple, \$125.00; Payne Chapel, \$49.00; Bradenton, \$37.00; Manatee, \$35.00; St. Andrews, \$60.00; Turner Chapel, \$22.00; Hurst Chapel, \$25.00; Rubonia, \$16.00; Ellenton; Parrish, \$3.00; Wimauma, Dennis, \$5.00; Sun City, Fruitville. Total \$377.00.

Committee,

D. R. FRANKS, Chairman.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR E. W. C.****Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.**

St. Paul, \$1.00; Allen Chapel; Mt. Zion, \$1.00; Ward Chapel, \$1.00; St. Luke, \$1.00; Port Tampa, \$1.00; Montana City, \$1.00; Pleasant Chapel, \$1.00; Mt. Olive; Bethel, W. Tampa, \$1.00; Sulphur Springs; Seffner; North Tampa. Total \$8.00.



**St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.**

Bethel, St. Petersburg, \$1.00; Clearwater, \$1.00; Mt. Zion, Tampa, \$1.00; Mt. Olive, \$1.00; Tarpon Springs, \$1.00; Dade City, \$1.00; Brooksville, \$1.00; Dunedin, \$1.00; Inverness, \$1.00; Floral City; Safety Harbor, \$1.00; San Antonio, \$1.00; Bellair-Largo, \$1.00; Crooms. Total \$12.00.

**Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.**

Mt. Olive, \$1.00; Bartow, \$1.00; Arcadia, \$1.00; Punta Gorda, \$1.00; Ft. Meade, \$1.00; Mulberry, \$1.00; Bocagrande, \$1.00; Brewster, \$1.00; Wachula, \$1.00; Trapnell; Mt. Zion; Immokalee, \$1.00; Limestone. Total \$10.00.

**Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.**

Allen Temple, \$1.00; Payne Chapel, \$1.00; Ward Temple, \$1.00; St. Stephen, Manatee, \$1.00; St. Andrews, Palmetto, \$1.00; Palmetto, \$1.00; Hurst Chapel; Rubonia, \$1.00; Ellenton; Parrish; Wimauma; Venice; Ft. Lawson. Total \$7.00.

Committee,

J. P. MORRIS.

**EASTER DAY FUND****St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.**

Bethel, St. Petersburg, Rev. J. J. Heath, \$5.00; Mt. Olive, Rev. J. R. Richardson, \$3.00; Mt. Zion, Rev. C. H. Boger, \$3.00; Mt. Olive, Rev. W. C. Jones, \$2.00; Mt. Zion, Rev. A. B. Cooper, \$1.00; Rev. R. H. Dames, \$1.00; Brooksville, Rev. J. L. Wallace, \$1.50; Rev. A. D. Brown, \$1.00; Rev. R. D. Nimmons; Rev. M. F. Neal, \$1.00; Rev. E. D. Oliver; Rev. A. J. Richardson; Rev. E. T. Kelly, \$1.00; Crooms, \$1.00. Total \$20.50.

**Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.**

St. Paul, Rev. Jas. Murray, \$10.00; Plant City, Rev. T. E. DeBose; Mt. Zion, Rev. J. J. Brooks, \$5.00; Moore Chapel, Rev. T. M. White, \$1.00; St. Luke, Rev. A. L. Harrison, \$2.00; Rev. E. D. Edwards, \$2.00; Rev. S. E. James, \$3.00; Rev. C. C. Brooks, \$3.00; Rev. A. W. Smith, \$5.00; Rev. D. L. W. Knight, \$2.00; Rev. M. Henderson. Total \$33.00.

**Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.**

Rev. H. McNeal Harris, \$8.00; Rev. J. B. Epperson, \$5.00; Rev. S. C. Sasser, \$4.00; Rev. R. L. James, \$1.50; Rev. H. L. Sapp, \$2.00; Rev. H. R. Hill, \$1.00; Rev. J. E. Hall, \$3.00; Rev. W. M. Douglas, \$1.00; Rev. D. R. Franks, \$1.00; Rev. L. B. Griffin, \$1.00; Rev. R. Fayson; Rev. J. B. Murray, Rev. Gant. Total \$28.50.

**Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.**

Rev. W. F. Foster, \$5.00; Rev. F. L. Hall, \$3.00; Rev. J. D. Washington, \$1.00; Rev. Horton, \$2.00; Rev. H. L. Newton; Rev. N. Denard, \$1.00; Rev. J. C. Bradley, \$2.00; Rev. W. M. Robinson, \$1.00; Rev. W. E. Tanner, \$1.00; Rev. B. W. E. Dawkins, \$1.00; Rev. J. C. Cooks, \$1.00; Rev. C. Sanders, \$1.00; Rev. W. M. Stephen, \$2.00. Total \$21.00. Grand total \$102.00.

Committee,

L. H. GRIFFIN

D. W. DELARFIELD.



## BUILDING FUND

## St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.

Rev. J. J. Heath, \$1.00; Rev. J. R. Richardson, \$1.00; Rev. C. H. Boger, \$1.00; Rev. W. C. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. A. B. Cooper, \$1.00; Rev. R. H. Dames, \$1.00; Rev. J. L. Wallace, \$1.00; Rev. S. D. Brown, \$1.00; Rev. R. D. Nimmons, \$1.00; Rev. M. F. Neal, \$1.00; Rev. E. D. Oliver; Rev. A. J. Richardson; Rev. E. T. Kelly, \$1.00; Crooms, \$1.00. Total \$12.00.

## Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.

Rev. Jas. Murray, \$1.00; Rev. T. E. DeBose; Rev. J. J. Brooks, \$1.00; Rev. T. M. White, \$1.00; Rev. A. L. Harrison, \$1.00; Rev. J. D. Edwards, \$1.00; Rev. S. E. James, \$1.00; Rev. C. C. Brooks, \$1.00; Rev. H. M. Brown; Rev. A. W. Smith, \$1.00; Rev. D. L. W. Knight; Rev. M. Henderson. Total \$8.00

## Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.

Rev. A. L. Harrison, \$1.00; Rev. J. B. Epperson, \$1.00; Rev. S. C. Sasser, \$1.00; Rev. R. L. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. H. L. Sapp, \$1.00; Rev. H. R. Hill, \$1.00; Rev. J. E. Hall, \$1.00; Rev. W. M. Douglass, \$1.00; Rev. D. R. Franks, \$1.00; Rev. L. H. Griffin, \$1.00; Rev. S. W. Richardson; Rev. R. Fayson; Rev. J. B. Morris, \$1.00; Rev. Brewster Gant; Rev. Goodwine. Total \$11.00.

## Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.

Rev. W. F. Foster, \$1.00; Rev. F. D. Hall, \$1.00; Rev. J. D. Washington, \$1.00; Rev. Horton, \$1.00; Rev. H. L. Newton, \$1.00; Rev. N. Dennard, \$1.00; Rev. J. C. Bradley, \$1.00; Rev. W. M. Robinson; Rev. W. E. Tanner; Rev. B. E. W. Dawkins; Rev. J. C. Cook; Rev. C. Sanders; Rev. W. S. Stephen. Total \$7.00.

## PENSION FUND

## St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.

Bethel, St. Petersburg; Mt. Olive, Clearwater, \$1.00; Mt. Zion, \$1.00; Mt. Olive, Tampa, \$1.00; Tarpon Springs, \$1.00; Brooksville, Dunedin, \$1.00; Inverness; Floral City, \$1.00; Safety Harbor; San Antonio; Cosmee; Bellair-Largo, \$1.00; Crooms; Dade City, \$1.00. Total \$8.00.

## Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.

St. Paul, \$1.00; Allen Chapel, \$1.00; Mt. Zion, \$1.00; Moore Chapel, \$1.00; St. Luke, \$1.00; Port Tampa, \$1.00; Montana City, \$1.00; Pleasant Chapel, \$1.00; Mt. Olive, \$1.00; Bethel, \$1.00; Sulphur Springs; Zion Hill; Robles Pond. Total \$10.00.

## Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.

Mt. Olive, \$1.00; St. James, \$1.00; Arcadia, \$1.00; Punta Gorda, \$1.00; Ft. Meade, \$1.00; Mulberry, \$1.00; Bocagrande, \$1.00; Brewster, \$1.00; Slater, \$1.00; Wachula, \$1.00; Trapnell; Mt. Zion; Imokalee; Villa Park; Durant; Limestone. Total \$10.00.

## Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.

Allen Temple, \$1.00; Payne Chapel, \$1.00; Ward Temple, \$1.00; St. Stephens, \$1.00; St. Andrews, \$1.00; Turner's Chapel, \$1.00; Hurst Chapel, \$1.00; Rubonia, \$1.00; Ellenton; Parrish; Wimauma; Venice; Sun City; Ft. Lawson; Fruitville. Total \$8.00.

Committee,

S. D. BROWN.



## W. H. F. M. FOR E. W. C.

## St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.

Bethel, \$1.00; Mt. Olive, \$1.00; Mt. Zion, \$1.00; Tarpon Springs, \$1.00; Dade City, \$1.00; Brooksville, \$1.00; Dunedin, \$1.00; Inverness, \$1.00; Floral City, \$1.00; Safety Harbor-Oscar; San Antonio; Bellair, \$1.00; Crooms, \$1.00. Total \$12.00.

## Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.

St. Paul, \$1.00; Allen Chapel; Mt. Zion, \$1.00; Moore Chapel, \$1.00; St. Luke, \$1.00; North Tampa; Port Tampa, \$1.00; Montana City, \$1.00; Pleasant Chapel, \$1.00; Mt. Olive; Bethel, \$1.00; Sulphur Springs; Seffner. Total \$8.00.

## Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.

Ft. Myers, \$1.00; Bartow, \$1.00; Arcadia, \$1.00; Punta Gorda, \$1.00; Ft. Meade, \$1.00; Mulberry, \$1.00; Bocagrande, \$1.00; Brewster, \$1.00; Slater, \$1.00; Wauchula, \$1.00; Trapnell; Mt. Zion; Immokalee; Villa Park. Total \$10.00.

## Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.

Allen Temple, \$1.00; Payne Chapel, \$1.00; Ward's Chapel, \$1.00; St. Stephens, \$1.00; St. Andrews, \$1.00; Turner's Chapel, \$1.00; Hurst Chapel, \$1.00; Mt. Olive, \$1.00; St. James; St. Peter; Wimauma; Venice; Ft. Lawson. Total \$7.00.

Committee,

W. E. TURNER.

## CHILDREN'S DAY

## Tampa District—Rev. C. S. Long, P. E.

St. Paul, \$5.00; Allen Chapel; Mt. Zion, \$2.00; Moore Chapel, \$1.00; St. Luke, \$1.00; Port Tampa, \$2.00; Montana City, \$2.00; Pleasant Chapel, \$3.00; Mt. Olive; Bethel, \$2.00; Sulphur Springs, \$2.00; Seffner. Total \$20.00.

## St. Petersburg District—Rev. M. D. Potter, P. E.

Bethel, \$5.00; Mt. Olive, \$2.00; Mt. Zion, \$2.00; Mt. Olive, \$2.00; Tarpon Springs, \$1.00; Dade City, \$1.00; Brooksville, \$1.00; Dunedin, \$2.00; Inverness, \$1.00; Floral City, \$1.00; Tampashores; San Antonio, \$1.00; Cosmee, \$1.00; Bellair; Crooms. Total \$20.00.

## Ft. Myers District—Rev. E. J. Jackson, P. E.

Mt. Olive, \$5.00; Bartow; Arcadia, \$1.00; Punta Gorda, \$1.50; Ft. Meade, \$2.00; Mulberry, \$1.00; Bocagrande, \$2.00; Brewster, \$1.00; Slater, \$1.00; Wauchula, \$1.00; Trapnell; Mt. Zion, \$1.00; Immokalee; Villa Park. Total \$16.50.

## Manatee District—Rev. G. J. Oates, P. E.

Allen Temple, \$5.00; Payne Chapel, \$4.00; Ward's Temple, \$3.00; St. Stephens, \$2.00; St. Andrews; Turner Chapel, \$2.00; Hurst Chapel, \$2.00; Mt. Olive, \$1.00; Ellenton; Parrish; Wimauma, \$1.00; Venice; Ft. Lawson. Total \$20.00.

## ADMISSION

Tampa, Florida, February 29, 1940.

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:

We, the Committee on Admission, beg leave to submit this our report as follows:

We have had before us the following named brethren seeking admission: J. A. Walker, Floyd Haisley, Chas. Dixon, LeRoy Goodwine, D. T. Jones and Walter Stephens.



We have examined them and find that they have a fair knowledge of the Bible and the Discipline of the A. M. E. church. We find also that they own most of the other required books in the course and have a fair knowledge of the same.

We therefore, recommend that J. A. Walker, Lloyd Haisley, Chas. Dixon, Lee Roy Goodwine, D. T. Jones and Walter Stephens be admitted on trial in the Central Florida conference.

Respectfully your committee,

A. B. COOPER  
R. D. NIMMONS  
S. C. SASSER.

### SECOND YEAR

Tampa, Florida, February 28, 1940.

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:

We, the Committee on Second Year Studies, have had before us the following named brethren: Leroy Juathon Karney, Brewster Ander Gant and John Booker. Brother Booker came for local deacon orders, we recommend that they will study another year.

Committee,

J. R. RICHARDSON, chairman  
W. C. JONES.

### THIRD YEAR

Tampa, Florida, March 1, 1940.

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:

We, the Committee on Third Year, make the following report:

Rev. J. F. Allen having been examined, we find that he is not in possession of the book prescribed in the Book of Discipline and has not a fair knowledge.

Therefore, we recommend that Bro. Allen remain in the Third Year class and that he avail himself with attending the Theological Department, B. F. Lee Seminary.

Committee,

F. D. HALL.  
H. L. NEWTON.

Tampa, Florida, March 1, 1940

### FOURTH YEAR

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:

Greetings—

We, your Committee on Fourth Year Studies, beg leave to make our report as follows:

We had before us the following named brethren: W. E. Turner, M. F. Neal, Wm. Davis and L. D. Bennett. We have examined as per discipline, we find that the brethren haven't the books, and have made but little progress in their studies. We therefore recommend that these brethren remain in their class for another year.

We also had before us Bro. L. D. Bennett, for missionary elder's orders. We have examined him and find that he is in possession of most of the books and is a graduate of Edward Waters college and the Fla. A. and M. college. Bro. Bennett stood a splendid exami-



nation. We therefore recommend that he be elected and ordained elder under the missionary rules.

Committee,

E. J. JACKSON

M. D. POTTER

C. S. LONG

G. J. OATES

J. J. HEATH

JAS. MURRAY.

### STATE OF THE CHURCH

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:  
Greetings—

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, reports as follows:

We might ask, what is the Church? Quoting Mr. Hurst, the visible church is an organized body of believers and followers of his life and where the sacraments are duly administered.

The Church of the living God is the one organization built upon a solid foundation, for Christ said to His disciples, "upon this Rock I'll build my church", Faith is the rock and a faithful foundation bearing the solidity of a rock that is lasting and everlasting, and the very gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The Christian church has stood every test and stands for progress civically, educationally, morally and religious uplift. It represents religious freedom, thus furnishing the child inspiration for all racial enterprises under the leadership of the fathers who gave us this wonderful heritage for which we are grateful. We are not unmindful of the fact that the church is a God given institution and neither His purpose or plan will ever fail.

It appears sometimes that the church, when it meets with reverses, will fail but the church of the living God will not loose ground. The church militant is gaining ground in spite of reverses. Within and without some schools and educators are trying to destroy the sanctity of the church in the minds of the youth but God raises up people and instruments to His glory.

The church is being felt today more than ever before. The very forces that have in a large measure tried to retard the progress of the church of God are becoming instrumental in spreading His Kingdom.

Many men scientifically minded have tried to get away from the truth laid down in God's word; tried to ignore the Virgin Birth, the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. They have invented instruments to prove the power and greatness of man and tried to belittle the church of God, but those very instruments have proven a boon to Christianity and the church. Helping the church to spread its wings like a green bay tree.

We refer in particular to the radio. The sweet songs and sermons that have been heard over this scientific instrument, reaches many homes where ministers have never been admitted. They reach homes and tents of wickedness where some would rather live; some times the songs take hold on the inmates, drawing them to the church, thus bringing the church to them.

### The State of the Church Economically

The world has felt the aftermath of the depression which has



had to do with every phase of activity and economical interest but the church, with a slow pace, continues to gain with the erection and remodeling of buildings for the Master. The A. M. E. church has shared in this endeavor.

#### Financially

Although the church is putting over a tremendous program we confess that it is far below its needs. Nevertheless, we are moving forward.

#### Morally

We are glad to report that the moral condition of the church is growing much better, the urgent need of the church of today is men and women whose lives are lights to guide the world to Christ. This light is needed in every nook and corner, for the world is calling unto Christianity with a voice of hope to come over and help.

#### Spiritually

The chief desire of the church is to win souls for Christ. This can be done only through the Holy Ghost. While many souls have been and are being won to Christ, there is much room for improvement.

#### Preachers

The church is in need of preachers whose objective is not to win disciples to themselves but to God. Preachers whose hearts are clean, whose dealings are just, whose preaching is forceful, whose lives are convincing.

The church is in need of Christian men and women who are Christians every day and everywhere as well as being a Christian at the church and Sunday. When this is done, I believe the world will be brought to Christ.

This is our task.

Humbly submitted, your committee,

JAS. MURRAY.

### STATE OF THE COUNTRY

Tampa, Florida, March 1, 1940.

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church,—Greetings:

We, your Committee on the State of the Country, herewith beg to submit the following as a report:

The traditional policy of protestantism in America is that CHURCH and STATE should remain separate and distinct in government and in politics; that is, the church is not to interfere with the operation of the government, nor the government with the church. But present day trends point to a closer cooperation of both church and state. This cooperation is largely due to the many baffling and perplexing economic, moral and social problems prevalent in our social order, which the state finds itself unable to solve. Our president, with his socialized democratic ideals has on a number of occasions sought the counsel and cooperation of a large number of religious leaders of this and other countries as a means of restoring peace, promoting prosperity and inter-racial goodwill among the races and nations of the world.

There must ever abide between church and state a close and effective cooperation, in the affairs of our social order, without either church or state encroaching on the divine given prerogatives bequeathed to each other, nor without attempting to usurp the dele-



gated authority of the state and the inherited authority of the church.

In rendering this report it is our aim to briefly make a five point preview namely. Economic, Political, Moral, Religious and New Proposals:

1.—The Economic State. As we visualize the economic state of the country, we find that there are still millions without permanent employment, to be definite, approximately nine million men and women are on government relief. And while industry has been spurred on by the new European war, to the extent that thousands of idle men have been given jobs, the acceleration anticipated and predicted for industry has been rather disappointing and sluggish. There is still a great deal of dissatisfaction with the Wagner Labor Law among the captains of industry and among labor unions, to the extent that the Supreme Court will soon have to make a decision as to its legality and continuity. There is still the same old war raging between capital and labor, with labor having been greatly helped and encouraged by our Chief Executive, President Roosevelt.

The Social Security Act, sponsored by Senator Wagner of New York and passed by both houses of congress has proven to be one of the greatest social reforms that has come over our country during the century, and is doing great good in assuring the economic security of our underprivileged groups of America.

Never before in the history of America has this country acquired such vast wealth; today she is worth more than sixty billion dollars, and in spite of the fact that her overhead expense is far greater than ever before, and many are complaining about high taxes, a large percentage of the revenue from taxes is being spent by the government to prevent millions from suffering and death.

What is the solution to the economic problem in America? Here are a few of the many suggestions offered by some of America's great thinkers:

(a) Deportation of all unnaturalized laborers to their native countries and complete curtailment of the immigration laws for a definite period of time, that is until ninety percent of our unemployed shall be given permanent employment at a living wage.

(c) Another would-be solution is to take all women out of employment whose jobs could be held by men; as one bluntly puts it, "Let the women return to their homes and care for their families".

(d) Still another suggestion has been offered to the effect, that, the only solution to America's economic problem is to do what Hitler did for Germany, namely, outlaw all major saving devices, especially where man power is being usurped that all able bodied men be assured of continued employment. These proposed solutions have been accepted as far-fetched and impractical for a democracy. So far as tangible solution to our economic solution is concerned the nation is still at sea without sight of land.

2.—The Political State. As a nation we are being governed by a socialized democracy—something "new under the sun" as far as America is concerned. It will be noted by all students of socialism that all the major social and economic reforms that have come to our democracy have been borrowed from socialism; and democracy has only been able to survive the tirades of the isms of Europe because of the inculcation and practice of these new political ideas.



But in spite of our democracy which has given to the world an example of the best political philosophy of government, there are today dangerous, sinister influences among certain groups seeking to overthrow our government and democracy. Foreign influence coupled with Communistic and Nazi sympathizers. So alarming has been this influence that the federal government has deemed it wise and necessary to appoint a Dies Committee, whose task is to apprehend and report to the government all information concerning organizations and doctrines that are anti-democratic and revolutionary in spirit. The findings of this committee have resulted in the imprisonment of some leaders and the deportation of others.

At present, the democratic party is in great suspense to its next great "standard-bearer". The consensus of public opinion is that Mr. Roosevelt can easily be elected for the third term as President of the United States if he desires it. If he does not choose to run again, public opinion has it figured out that the Republican party will take charge of the ship of state at the next election. Much can be said in favor of the present administration as it has effected our group. There are members of our group holding more government positions than ever before in the history of this country. Hundreds of school buildings have been built through the assistance of federal aid, thousands of modern homes have been constructed that have assured our people better living conditions, and thousands of others have been provided with the opportunity of completing their education in the high schools and colleges of the country. Truly Mr. Roosevelt has been heralded as the greatest of all presidents as far as the Negro is concerned.

3.—The Moral State. According to the latest statistics issued by the government, crime is on the increase. This can be attributed to a number of causes; such as the return of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, the breaking down of the norms of social control, the home, the state, and the indifference of the youth of our country towards the church. Since a very large percent of crime in America is committed by the youth of the country, probably the greatest moral problem with which we have to contend is that of CHILD DELINQUENCY. We feel that the church single handed, is unable to solve this problem. The solution calls into co-operation all the moral forces of our country reinforced with the federal aid.

Laws will have to be enacted and enforced that will prevent the youth under age from frequenting all crime breeding places of amusements and slums. To this end, the church will have to take the initiative and demand the interest and cooperation of all other moral agencies.

Some psychologists of religion have suggested that the church should revamp its present moral code and adopt one that is more in conformity to present day moral trends. But to this suggestion the church has turned a deaf ear. For Christ and Christianity are the world's ideal teacher and guide.

4.—The Religious State. In spite of the tidal wave of atheism that is sweeping through Europe, America is predominantly religious. According to the figures of recent church statistics, we find that the city churches are making progress numerically and financially. Large numbers of worshippers are still in evidence each



Sabbath day throughout the year. In the rural sections of the country the enthusiasm for public worship is not as great now as in former years. The poor economic condition of the rural sections may account for this fall off in church attendance.

The church needs to render special help to the rural sections. They need first of all, inviting and comfortable buildings in which to worship. In the second place, they need ministers, especially trained in rural sociology who can help them economically as well as morally. For this purpose, a special financial fund should be established by the churches to supplement the rural pastor's salary and further foster the Master's cause in the rurals of the country.

5.—Other Proposals. Having proved himself as one of the world's greatest humanitarians and statesmen, our great president is seeking to further national interests by providing a fund that will provide for the building and maintenance of adequate hospitals in all sections of the country where the counties are too poor or are derelict in establishing such needed institutions. We can be assured that, with such fine courage, magnanimity of soul, and common human sympathies, augmented with the far-sighted vision, our country is safe, and our race hopeful with our present incumbent at the helm of the nation's ship of state.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. B. EPPERSON.

### EDUCATION

Tampa, Florida, February 29, 1940.

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit our report as follows:

The cause of education has always been a matter of concern, more or less to the human race. The history of all peoples and governments from the earliest times down to the present reveals this fact.

The Hebrews, the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans felt the need of training and development along particular lines. Naturally this cause from its beginning was identified with religion. In the older European countries schools were the instruments of the church. Religion was only a part of the integral education of the children in this country.

As a result of many factors during the last three-quarter of a century of the history of this country each state has developed a system of public education in accordance with its financial ability, local, industrial and social conditions. With the increase of population public school attendance has more than proportionally increased and public school cost has become enormous. But so deeply have certain religious groups felt the need of education or child development that they have attempted to carry the entire responsibility of education in parochial schools at their own expense, in addition to the public taxation for education.

In view of this situation the questions might be asked: What are the ends of education? How are these ends best reached?

The views of those who know the trends and values in education strike a definite and common note. They make a plan; they chart a course. They all agree that education must produce a safe leadership for the future, on this hang all the



hopes of the future well being for both the individual and the state. Scientific precisions must replace guess work. Exact knowledge must determine decisions. This leadership however, must not lose its poise by materialistic influences or by too much learning, for character is higher than intellect. Says one, "Teach science, but always as the handmaid of religion, to reveal how the brooding spirit of God created the world and all that is therein—and set the stars in their courses". The schoolroom must always insist upon facts. Yet, paradoxically speaking, the mere learning of facts is not the chief aim of education. Habits, attitudes, points of view, capacity for cooperation, character, are the real fundamentals in education. But moral character cannot be developed without religion—and when I say religion I mean Christianity. There is no code of ethics that can produce such high degree of moral character as Christianity. Washington said in his farewell address: "And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion".

The fact that the Bible has been eliminated from the public schools of many states is a matter of great concern and we naturally ask ourselves this question: Which way America? Can the dominant secularized education achieve the great ends of education or its function in American civilization or world civilization? President Nicholas Butler of Columbia university, puts the case well when he said: "The problem is not religion and education but religion in education".

Most alarmingly do we note the fact as revealed by the Department of Research of the International Council of Religious Education, that in 1926 of an estimated 30 million children between the ages of 5 and 17, approximately 16 million receive no form of religious instruction.

There is, however, hope ahead in the urgency of this problem which all religious groups are seeking to solve. The A. M. E. church is making its contribution toward the solution of this problem through its schools. The spirit of Bishop Daniel A. Payne, the pioneer of Christian education for our group in the establishment of Wilberforce university kindled a flame that will not perish. Following his wake the fathers of the African Methodist Episcopal church have established a dozen or more other schools throughout the nation. We point with pride to Edward Waters college, here in our own state that is taking on new life under the splendid leadership of Bishop H. Y. Tookes. The youth must be taught and saved through the instruction given here. This type of education will serve as the lump of lever that must finally level the whole lump. Here lies the hope of the nation. Here is taught that mind supersedes matter; that the spiritual supersedes the material; that where reason ends faith takes hold—and leads us into the presence of Him who said "Let there be light" and there was light.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. COOPER.

## PRESIDING ELDERS' SALARY

Ft. Myers	\$75.00
Bartow	65.00
Arcadia	45.00
Punta Gorda	30.00
Ft. Meade	30.00
Mulberry	30.00
Brewster Circuit	20.00
Pierce Circuit	10.00
Slater Circuit	25.00
Trapnell Circuit	20.00
Immokalee	15.00
Mt. Zion	20.00
Villa Park & Homeland	6.00
Wauchula Circuit	20.00
Bocagrande	20.00
Sanibal Island	6.00
Tookes' Chapel	3.00
Durant	3.00

## DEEDS

Tampa, Florida, February 2, 1940.

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:

We, your Committee on Deeds, have in hand the following:

A warranty deed from Charley Hadley and Willie Hadley, his wife (parties of 1st part) to the A. M. E. church, colored, of Immokalee, Collier County, Fla.

We find that this deed is not properly drawn—it should be made to read: as to form according to Book of Discipline—which reads as follows: To the trustees and their successors in office. And we recommend that this deed be taken back and have it properly executed, and recorded in the office of Clerk of Circuit Court of Collier county.

Also a deed between the City of Tampa, a municipal corporation of the County of Hillsborough, State of Fla. (party of the 1st part) and the trustees of Bethel A. M. E. church and successors in office—according to our Book of Discipline.

This deed has been recorded in the Clerk's office, and recommended O. K.

Secondly, we have in hand also a warranty deed from C. R. Buchanan, joined by his wife, Annie B. Buchanan of Pinellas Co., Fla. (parties of the first part) to trustees and their successors in office of the Mt. Zion A. M. E. church of St. Petersburg, Fla, 2nd part this deed properly executed and we recommend that this deed be filed for record in the Clerk's office in Pinellas county.

We also recommend that all deeds be made as outlined in Book of Discipline of our church, and in purchasing church property secure exemption papers.

Your committee.

F. D. HALL.



## TEMPERANCE

Tampa, Florida, March 1, 1940.

To the bishop and members of the Central Florida Conference:

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

When we consult the dictionary for a definition of Temperance we find the following: (1) Habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetite and possession; (2) Abstinence from the use of intoxicants; (3) Self-control and calmness.

So we here are confining this to self-control. And a habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetite. We speak chiefly of these, (1) Because of its relation to health, a struggle for health should be one's chief objective.

One Greek writer once said that he evoked upon Luckery Idleness dissipation and intemperance as the chief source of all physical ills and that one would do anything to cure themselves, but would not stop doing the thing that caused ill health. In a recent report of the Signal, a paper published by the W. C. T. U., it is said that three-fourths of all automobile wrecks were caused by those who were under the influence of liquor and that these range between the ages of 20 and 30, and that women as well as men were guilty of the same and most all crimes could be traced to drinking. Much of the insanity of today is caused by habitual drinking. One educational institution said that in a survey they found that those under the influence of intoxicants could not think as readily as those who were not.

Now for this cause the A. M. E. church must lift up a standard for the people by fighting to end this evil.

Committee,

C. L. GRAHAM

J. D. WASHINGTON.

## RESOLUTION

Tampa, Florida, March 3, 1940.

Whereas, this fortieth session of the Central Florida Conference is one of the best in its history and marks the epoch of a brighter day, and

Whereas, every moment of the deliberation was frot with harmony and peace under the leadership of this genius mind and matchless leader of men in the person of Bishop H. Y. Tookes, and

Whereas, Bishop Tookes has presided over this conference with so much ease and dignity,

Be it resolved, that the conference tender him a rising vote of thanks, and

Whereas, Bishop John A. Gregg and Bishop R. R. Wright have brought so much sunshine and cheer to our conference, and

Whereas, their association with our beloved Bishop Tookes shows that spirit of oneness that should be in our church.

Be it resolved, that we tender them a rising vote of thanks, and

Whereas, Mrs. Tookes, the amiable wife of our bishop, has contributed so much to our conference, as she moves in her sphere, shedding beams of sunshine as she goes.



Be it resolved, that we give her a rising vote of thanks,  
Whereas, Mrs. R. R. Wright, the wife of Bishop Wright, who has traveled across the seas to far-away Africa and brought so much information to us,

Be it resolved, that we give her a rising vote of thanks, and  
Whereas, Mrs. L. H. Hughes, our connectional president of W. H. and F. M. Society, and Mrs. White, the wife of our president of Wilberforce Theological Institute in South Africa, and

Whereas, all General Officers visiting our conference, namely: Dr. J. H. Clayborn, Dr. Milton Mickens, Dr. George A. Singleton, Dr. E. A. Adams and Dr. D. H. Stanton,

Be it resolved, that we give them a rising vote of thanks,  
Whereas, the pastor, Rev. Jas. Murray, and his generous and kind people of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, and other churches of the city have so royally entertained this conference and the Bishops so that the expression of happiness is seen in the face of every delegate,

Be it resolved, that we give them a rising vote of thanks.

Committee,

S. E. JAMES

T. G. GAINES

D. R. FRANKS, chairman.



## STATISTICAL TABLES





## TAMPA DISTRICT—Rev. C. S. Long, Presiding Elder

Church Auxiliaries	Other Societies	Churches	Seating Capacity Of Churches	Parsonages	School Houses Owned by Charge	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Deaths	Dollar Money Fund	Theological Seminary Fund	Conf. Contingent	Allen Day	Founders' Day E. W. C.	Easter Day Fund	P. H. & F. M. Fund
10	1	1	1500	1	1	6	6	5	\$335 00	\$1 00	\$15 00	\$2 00	\$15 00	\$10 00	\$1 00
6	2	1	250	1	1	4	6	5	135 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
9	1	1	175	1	1	2	2	2	101 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	2 00	1 00	---
5	1	1	400	1	1	4	2	1	70 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	10 00	3 00	---
12	1	1	400	1	1	1	1	1	57 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	10 00	3 00	---
10	1	1	150	1	1	2	2	3	60 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	10 00	3 00	---
10	1	1	250	1	1	3	3	5	59 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	10 00	2 00	---
14	1	1	500	1	1	1	1	1	40 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	5 00	5 00	---
6	1	1	200	1	1	2	2	2	40 00	1 00	2 50	---	5 00	3 00	---
8	1	1	150	1	1	4	1	1	15 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	2 00	2 00	---
15	1	1	500	1	1	---	---	---	15 00	2 50	1 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	---
8	1	1	250	1	1	---	---	---	5 00	---	2 00	---	---	---	---

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10	1	1	300	1	1	1	7	3	74 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	4 00	4 00	1 00
6	3	1	250	1	1	2	---	1	50 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	4 00	2 00	1 00
4	1	1	250	1	---	---	---	2	44 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00
18	1	1	300	1	---	8	3	3	27 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
4	1	1	150	1	---	---	---	---	42 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	3 00	3 00	1 00
2	1	1	300	1	---	---	---	1	31 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
5	4	1	100	1	---	---	---	1	31 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00
10	1	1	500	1	---	---	---	1	25 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00
16	1	1	500	1	---	4	---	1	21 00	---	2 50	1 00	2 00	1 00	---
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1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2 00	---	---	1 00	1 00	---	---
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## TAMPA DISTRICT—Rev. C. S. Long, Presiding Elder

CHARGES	W. H. & F. M. Fund	Educational Fund May Day	Educational Fund Personal	Minute Money	E. W. C. Fund Building	Children's Day Fund	Students' Fund
St. Paul	\$15 00	\$100 00	\$11 00	\$3 75	\$1 00	\$5 00	\$1 20
Mt. Zion	5 00		1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 20
Moore's Chapel	3 00	36 00	1 00	2 25	1 00	1 00	1 20
Port Tampa	5 00	28 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	1 20
Pleasant Chapel	3 00	45 00	1 00	2 25	1 00	3 00	1 20
Montana City	5 00	23 00	1 00	75	1 00	2 00	1 20
St. Luke	3 00	35 00	1 00	2 25	1 00	1 00	1 20
Bethel	5 00	50 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	1 20
North Tampa	2 00	19 00					1 20
Sulphur Springs	2 00	6 00	1 00			2 00	1 20
Allen Chapel							
Mt. Olive	2 00	12 00	1 00			1 00	1 20
Seffner		1 00					

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Ft. Myers	\$10 00	\$150 00	\$1 00	\$4 50	\$1 00	\$5 00	\$1 20
Bartow	2 50	125 00	1 00	3 20	1 80	4 00	1 20
Arcadia	5 00	40 00	1 00	2 25	1 00	4 00	1 20
Punta Gorda	5 00	13 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	1 20
Ft. Meade	5 00	25 00	1 00	1 80	1 00	2 00	1 20
Mulberry	5 00	17 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 20
Bocagrande	5 00	40 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	1 20
Wauchula	4 00	9 40	1 00	1 20	1 00	1 00	1 20
Slater	4 00	25 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	2 00	1 20
Brewster & Pierce	3 00	25 00	1 00	1 20	1 00	1 00	1 20
Trapnell	1 50	17 00				1 00	
Immokalee	3 00	10 00	1 00	75	1 00		1 20
Jones' Chapel							
Nacotee							
Durant				75			



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## TAMPA DISTRICT—Rev. C. S. Long, Presiding Elder

E. W. C. Improvement Fund	Endowment Day Fund	Pension Fund	Bible Cause Fund	Dollar A. C. E. L. Fund	Allen League Fund E. W. C.	General Conference Delegates Fund	Brotherhood Fund	Sunday School For E. W. C.	W. H. & F. M. S. For E. W. C.	Sinking Fund	For Athletics
\$1 00	\$155 00	\$3 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$15 00	\$2 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00
1 00	64 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	36 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00				
1 00	37 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	32 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	25 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	35 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	40 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
	25 00										
	10 00					2 00	2 00				
	6 00		1 00								

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\$1 00	\$125 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$10 00	\$2 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00
1 00	100 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	31 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	11 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
	11 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
2 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	30 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	21 00	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	25 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
	12 45										
1 00	7 00				1 00		2 00	1 00			
	4 30						2 00				
	1 10						2 00				

## TAMPA DISTRICT—Rev. C. S. Long, Presiding Elder

CHARGES	For Music	Prin. & Int. Due Church Extension	Total Collected For Connectional and General Purposes	Christian Recorder	A. M. E. Review	Southern Christian Recorder	Voice of Missions	Western Christian Recorder	Star	Woman's Missionary Recorder	Pastor's Support
St. Paul	1 00			\$1 50	\$1 50						\$1300 00
Mt. Zion	1 00										910 15
Moore's Chapel			282 55								510 00
Port Tampa	1 00		175 20	1 50	1 50						400 00
Pleasant Chapel	\$1 00										436 35
Montana City	1 00				1 50	1 50					435 00
St. Luke	1 00				1 50				1 50		660 00
Bethel	1 00			1 50	1 50						890 14
North Tampa											
Sulphur Springs				1 50	1 50						50 00
Allen Chapel											
Mt. Olive											
Seffner					1 50	1 50					

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Ft. Myers	\$1 00		\$105 00								\$1291 26
Bartow	1 00										947 56
Arcadia	1 00		190 00	1 50		1 50					404 03
Punta Gorda	1 00			1 50	1 50						238 50
Ft. Meade			140 00	1 50	1 50						200 00
Mulberry	1 00		89 20	1 50			1 50				316 50
Bocagrande	1 00		125 00	1 50			1 50				306 75
Wauchula			70 00	1 50							176 00
Slater	1 00		116 20	1 50	1 50						330 60
Brewster & Pierce	1 00				1 50	1 50					351 75
Trapnell											250 00
Immokalee											163 36
Jones' Chapel			12 80								10 50
Nacotee			7 85								28 88
Durant			6 00								25 00



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Presiding Elder's Support	For Charitable Purposes	For Purchasing Building or Repairing	For Current Expenses	For Sunday School's Own Use	For Mortgage Debt	From Church, Ext. By Loan or Donation	Total Amount Collected for Local Purposes	Value of Church and Sunday School Property	Indebtedness of Charge	Amount Due on Int.
\$333 00	\$97 00	\$1400 00	\$400 00	\$175 00	\$2927 40	\$45 70				
161 00	34 50	715 24	167 40	110 08	322 18		2291 57			
156 00	78 00		217 50	78 00	813 62				813 62	
92 65	6 75	250 00	210 12	46 00			758 02			
109 46	6 85	86 00	294 45	96 45			1040 25			
108 00	10 00	240 50	142 10	62 50			986 20			
124 00	9 40	48 00	26 00	26 00			192 00			
85 95	39 00	1126 34	162 10	90 16	142 05		2533 59			
40 00	2 50	175 20	84 76	45 81					261 47	

\$247 07	\$30 00	\$366 80	\$130 00			\$259 03	\$3000 00	\$4800 00	
197 50	125 00	275 00	150 00	100 00		1729 72	25000 00	4500 00	
99 42	9 75	117 19	49 19	138 28	132 59	950 45	6000 00	160 91	
68 45	20 00	10 00	55 00	30 00	50 00	471 95	3000 00	80 00	
54 00	20 00	56 01	50 00			360 01	2000 00	929 75	
	63 50		52 55	35 04	53 00	521 19	4000 00	250 87	
80 00	12 00		8 00	10 00		406 75			
48 75	8 00	23 27	12 00	10 50			700 00		
71 00	39 40	50 00		52 00		543 00			
75 95	40 10			13 89		482 43			
50 00		59 00							
45 25	4 60	84 60		9 20		348 41			
13 50		3 00				28 00			
4 30						28 00			
3 00						28 00			

**TAMPA DISTRICT**—Rev. C. S. Long, Presiding Elder

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**FT. MYERS DISTRICT**—Rev. E. J. Jackson, Presiding Elder

Ft. Myers		1	9	9	150	1	100
Bartow	4 66	1	9	7	60	7	75
Arcadia		1	7	5	50		
Punta Gorda		1	8	4	38		30
Ft. Meade		1	5	4	35		51
Mulberry	3 00	1	8	6	65	3	27
Bocagrande		1	8	3	35		
Wauchula		1	6	5	25		20
Slater							
Brewster & Pierce		2					
Trappell							
Immokalee		1					
Jones' Chapel							
Nacotee							
Durant							





ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT—Rev. M. D. Potter, Presiding Elder

CHARGES	PASTORS	No. of Members Found in Charge	Persons Converted	Accessions	Members in Charge	Probationers	Local Preachers In Charge	Missionary Societies In Charge	Temperance Societies In Charge	A. C. E. Societies
Bethel	Rev. J. J. Heath	610	13	96	620		1	4		1
Clearwater	Rev. J. R. Richardson	177		2	179					1
Mt. Zion	Rev. C. H. Boger				200		3	1		1
Brooksville	Rev. J. L. Wallace	88	12	4	91					
Dade City	Rev. R. H. Dames		8		75					
Mt. Olive	Rev. W. C. Jones	144	5	8	150					
Tarpon Springs	Rev. A. B. Cooper	65	1	7	72					
Dunedin	Rev. S. D. Brown	58	1	7	65					
Floral City	Rev. M. F. Neal	25	3		28					
Crooms	Rev. E. B. Scott	14		1	15					
Bellair	Rev. E. T. Kelly	10		2	12					
Safety Harbor-Oldsmar	Rev. E. D. Oliver									
Cosmee	Rev. A. J. Richardson	15		2	14					
San Antonio-Ehren	Rev. A. J. Richardson	12	1	3	12					
Inverness	Rev. R. D. Nimmons	38	4	7	39					

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Allen Temple	Rev. W. F. Foster	765	12	50	810		4	2	1	1
Payne Chapel	Rev. F. D. Hall	433	36	42	300			1		1
Bradenton	Rev. J. D. Washington	170	8	14	176		1	2	1	1
Hurst Chapel	Rev. J. C. Bradley	117	4		117		2	1	1	1
St. Andrews	Rev. H. L. Newton	150	8	10	158			1		1
Turner's Chapel	Rev. N. DeNard	139	13	33	158			1	1	1
Manatee	Rev. W. D. Horton	113	5	5	118					
Rubonia	Rev. W. M. Robinson	39		6	45		1	1		1
Ellenton	Rev. W. E. Turner	30			25					
Parrish	Rev. B. E. W. Dawkins	23	4	4	23			1		
Wimauma	Rev. J. C. Cook	18	2	4	18			1		1
Venice	Rev. C. E. Sanders	10			10					
Fruitville	Rev. Lloyd Haisley	2			2					



## ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT—Rev. M. D. Potter, Presiding Elder

Church Auxiliaries	Other Societies	Churches	Seating Capacity of Churches	Parsonages	School Houses Owned by Church	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Deaths	Dollar Money Fund	Theological Seminary Fund	Conf. Contingent	Allen Day	Founders' Day E. W. C.	Easter Day Fund	P. H. & F. M. Fund
18	2	1	1200	1					\$565 00	\$4 00	\$20 00	\$6 00	\$60 00	\$5 00	\$1 00
		1	800	1					136 00	2 00	8 75	3 00	35 00	3 00	1 00
12	1	1	1200	1					127 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	30 00	3 00	1 00
		2							91 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	20 00	1 50	1 00
		1	500	1					75 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	20 00	1 00	1 00
		1		1					75 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	20 00	2 00	1 00
		1	400	1					70 40	1 00	3 00	1 00	20 00	1 00	1 00
		1	300	1					40 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	8 00	1 00	1 00
		1	300	1					27 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	8 00	1 00	1 00
		1							12 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	6 00	1 00	
		1							8 00	1 00	2 50		6 00	1 00	
									8 00		1 00		6 00		
									8 00		1 00		6 00		
									8 00		1 00		3 00		
		1	200	1					38 00	1 00	1 00		8 00	2 00	

## MANATEE DISTRICT—Rev. G. J. Oates, Presiding Elder

18	1	1	1000	1		10	2	10	\$422 00	\$4 00	\$20 00	\$5 00	\$20 00	\$5 00	\$1 00
		1	500	1		8			155 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	15 00	3 00	1 00
12		1	500	1	3	6	8	4	88 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	12 00	1 00	1 00
22		1	400			1	4	4	78 00	2 00	2 50	2 00	10 00	4 00	1 00
		1	500	1		8		3	77 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	10 00		1 00
13		1	300	1		13		2	65 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 00
									50 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 00
5		1	300	1				2	19 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	7 00	1 00	1 00
1		1	200	1					12 00		2 50		2 00	1 00	
3			200			2		1	12 00		2 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	2 00
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2									8 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	
									3 00		2 50				

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CHARGES	W. H. & F. M. Fund	Educational Fund May Day	Educational Fund Personal	Minute Money	E. W. C. Building Fund	Children's Day Fund	Students' Fund
Bethel	\$40 00	\$175 00	\$2 00	\$4 00	\$1 00	\$5 00	\$1 20
Clearwater	15 00	160 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	1 20
Mt. Zion	15 00	80 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 20
Brooksville	3 00	35 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 20
Dade City	1 00	40 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 20
Mt. Olive	8 00	50 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 20
Tarpon Springs	4 00	40 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 20
Dunedin	4 00	30 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 20
Floral City	1 00	14 60	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 20
Crooms	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 20
Bellair	1 00	8 00		1 00	1 00		1 20
Safety Harbor-Oldsmar		4 50					
Cosmee	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 20
San Antonio-Ehren				1 00	1 00		1 20
Inverness	1 00	20 00	2 00				1 20

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Allen Temple	\$15 00	\$125 00	\$1 00	\$4 00	\$1 00	\$5 00	\$1 20
Payne Chapel	10 00	99 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	4 00	1 20
Bradenton	1 00	37 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 20
Hurst Chapel	12 00	25 00		2 25	1 00	2 00	1 20
St. Andrews	5 00	60 00	1 00	3 00	1 00		1 20
Turner's Chapel	3 00	22 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 20
Manatee	5 00	35 00	1 00	2 25	1 00	2 00	1 20
Rubonia	1 00	16 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 20
Ellenton		10 00					
Parrish		3 00					
Wimauma	1 00	7 50		75		1 00	1 20
Venice		5 00		75			
Fruitville							



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E. W. C. Improvement Fund	Endowment Day Fund	Pension Fund	Bible Cause Fund	Dollar A. C. E. L. Fund	Allen League Fund E. W. C.	General Conference Delegates Fund	Brotherhood Fund	Sunday School For E. W. C.	W. H. & F. M. S. For E. W. C.	Sinking Fund	For Athletics
\$1 00	\$125 00	\$2 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$30 00	\$2 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00
1 00	80 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	17 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	100 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	40 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	3 80	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
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1 00	60 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	25 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
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1 00	5 00										
1 00	6 00					1 00	2 00	1 00			
1 00	7 00					1 00					
1 00	15 00			1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00		

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\$1 00	\$150 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$20 00	-----	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00
1 00	50 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	18 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	37 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	40 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
1 00	32 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
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-----	2 00					2 50	2 00				
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CHARGES	For Music	Prin. & Int. Due Church Extension	Total Collected For Connecional and General Purposes	Christian Recorder	A. M. E. Review	Southern Christian Recorder	Voice of Missions	Western Christian Recorder	Star	Woman's Missionary Recorder	Pastor's Support
Bethel	\$1 00		\$1478 00								\$1800 00
Clearwater	1 00										1136 42
Mt. Zion	1 00										800 00
Brooksville	1 00										560 00
Dade City	1 00										536 20
Mt. Olive	1 00										650 00
Tarpon Springs	1 00		119 20								
Dunedin											314 16
Floral City	1 00										109 42
Crooms	1 00										43 83
Bellair	1 00				1 50	1 50					43 52
Safety Harbor-Oldsmar				1 50	1 50						43 86
Cosmee					1 50	1 50					35 00
San Antonio-Ehren											15 00
Inverness	1 00			1 50	1 50						213 00

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Allen Temple	\$1 00		\$809 20								\$1800 00
Payne Chapel	1 00			1 50	1 50						900 00
Bradenton	1 00				1 50	1 50					550 00
Hurst Chapel	1 00			1 50			1 50				375 00
St. Andrews						1 50	1 50				500 00
Turner's Chapel			147 20	1 50		1 50					206 16
Manatee	1 00		170 45	1 50			1 50				600 00
Rubonia			86 20								225 00
Ellenton			32 25								102 80
Parrish			35 00								120 00
Wimauma			33 45								14 39
Venice			27 75								35 50
Fruitville			8 00								



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Presiding Elder's Support	For Charitable Purposes	For Purchasing Building or Repairing	For Current Expenses	For Sunday School's Own Use	For Mortgage Debt	From Church Ext. By Loan or Donation	Total Amount Collected for Local Purposes	Value of Church and Sunday School Property	Indebtedness of Charge	Amount Due on Int.
\$385 00	\$250 35	\$525 00	\$485 00	\$100 09	\$1100 00			61000 00	\$5000 00	
178 40	39 64		68 56	64 71				6000 00		
140 00	37 86	312 00	240 00	86 00	155 00		1770 86	2500 00	100 00	
115 00										
96 00		36 00					22 50	56 00		
115 00	35 00	465 00	45 22	80 00			1322 14			
83 15	80 34		128 00	57 23	70 00		673 74	3000 00	1109 11	
91 17	15 00	40 00	25 00	35 00			2000 00			
38 00	16 51	50 00		24 02			21 00			
21 00		15 00					86 83			
15 12	1 45	60 95					47 20	500 00		
15 00	8 00		6 00				24 00			
19 00	3 00						41 20			
20 00	11 70									
38 00		60 00	28 00	4 50				1000 00		

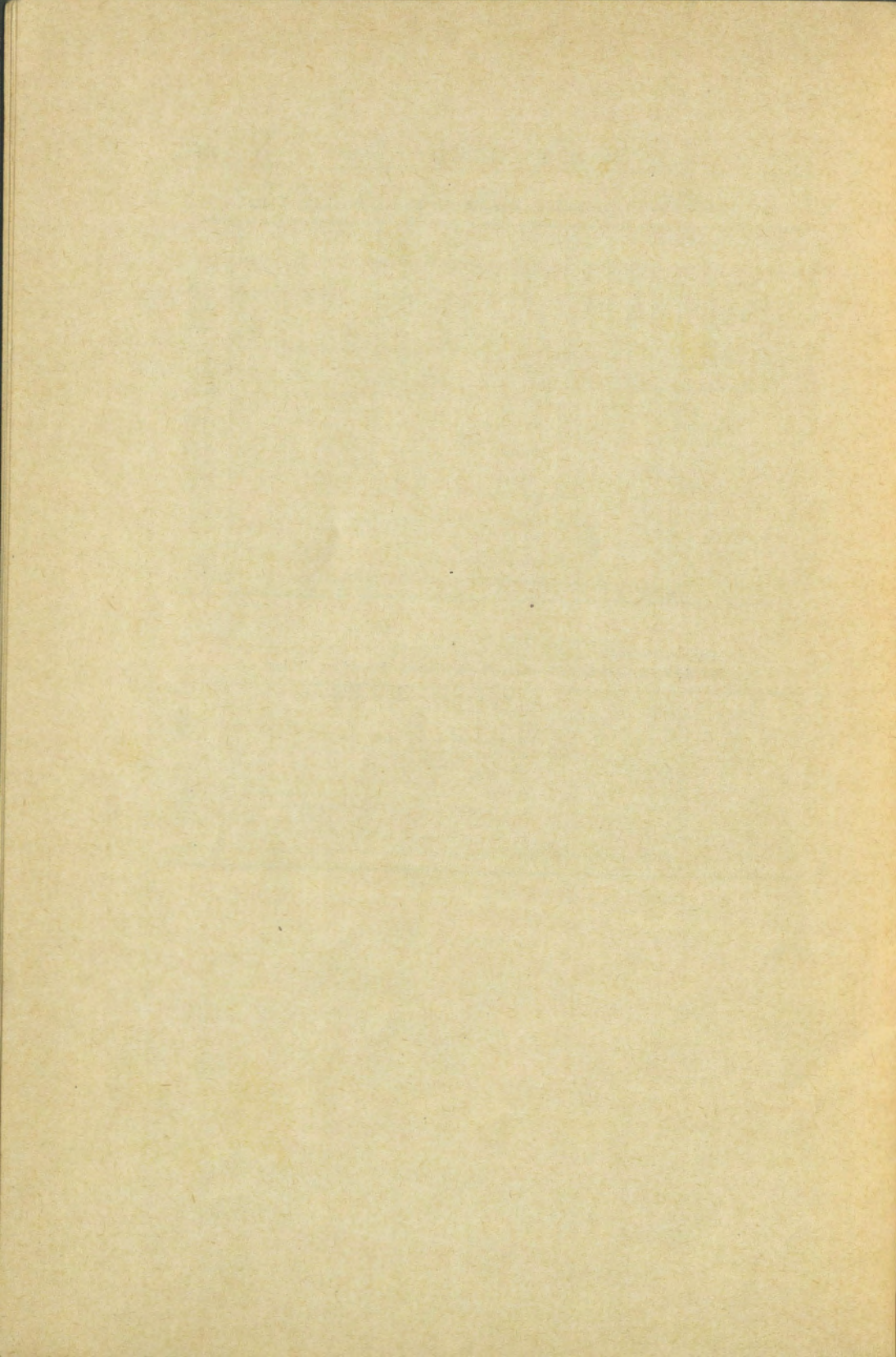
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120 00	25 00	1480 00	120 00	75 00		2370 00			
123 00	20 00		100 00	115 00			2000 00		
92 00	10 00	50 00	40 00						
120 64	15 00	100 00	85 00	25 00		641 80	1200 00	200 00	
75 00	25 00	250 00				950 00			
65 10	15 00	50 00	35 00	15 00		405 10	1000 00		
36 60	8 00	10 00		12 00	100 00	269 40	1000 00		
39 40	4 50								
24 20	5 01					43 60			
21 20	7 00		3 00	3 50		73 20			



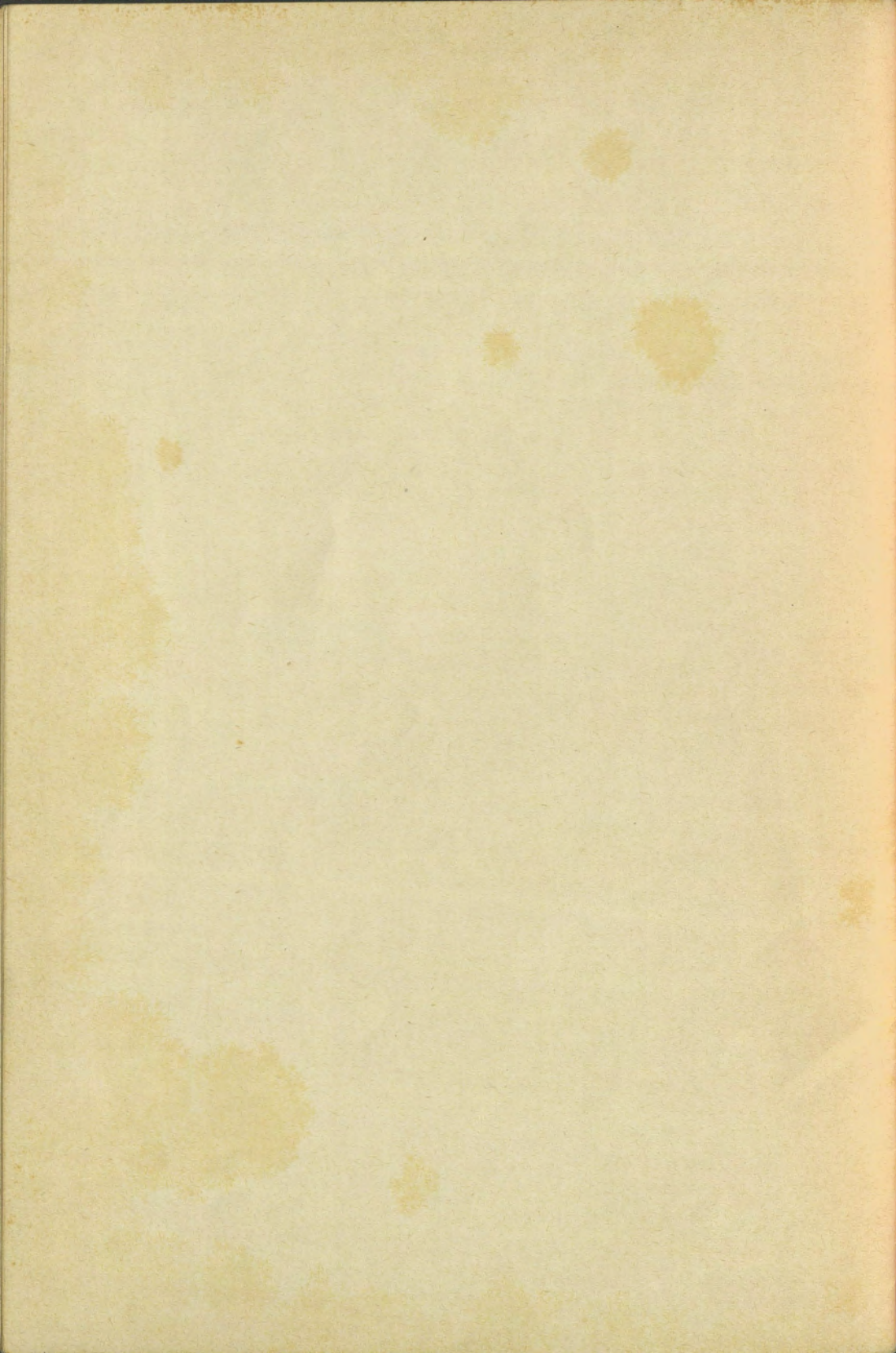














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